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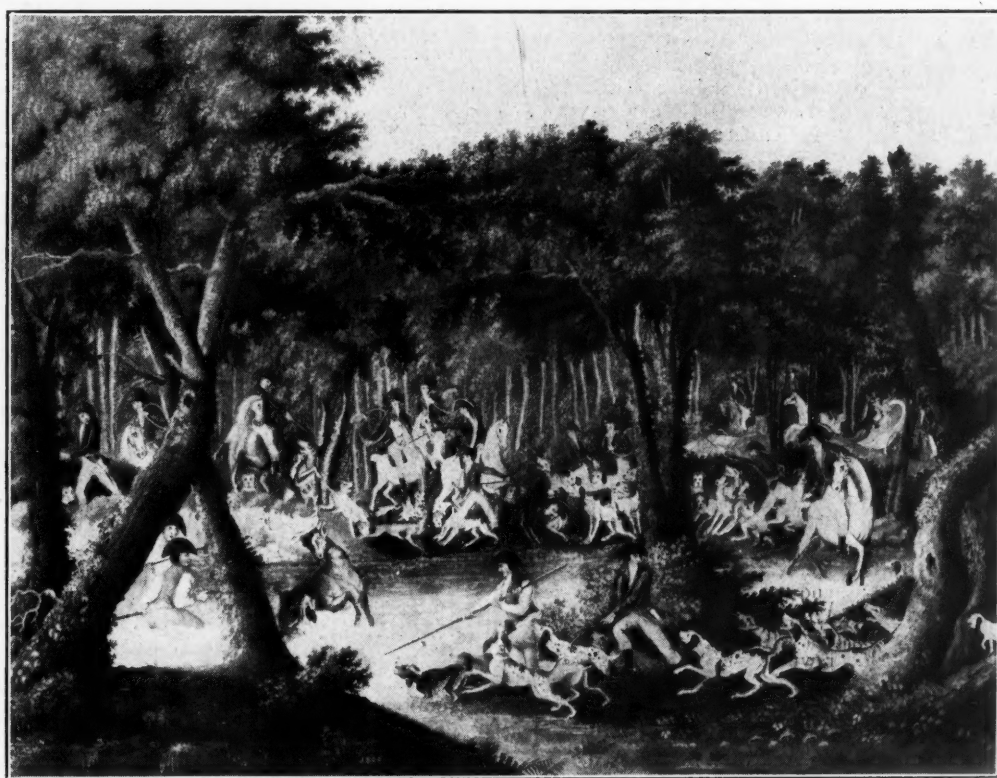
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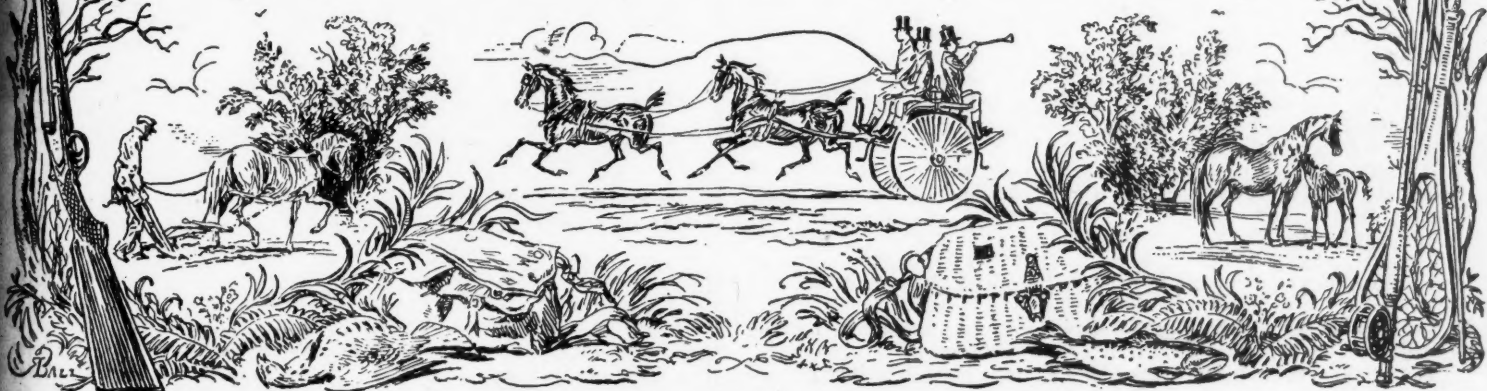
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FOR BETTER SPORT

A few years ago many people were singing a swan song for timber racing, some loudly bemoaning the fact that there were no new owners and that the old members were fast losing interest. Whenever plans were being made for hunt meetings, the committee faced with qualms the matter of the race over timber. Amateur riders were fast becoming part of the great sporting past and there were no indications that any number of them could be available for the few remaining "amateur up" events over timber.

The poor performance of some of the starters at last year's spring meeting at Middleburg and in The Maryland Hunt Cup did much to substantiate the opinions of the pessimists who predicted the complete disappearance of timber horses. Small timber fields at other hunt meetings in 1951 did not produce the havoc of Middleburg and The Maryland Hunt Cup, but neither did they offer much for the future of this side of the sporting picture.

This spring there has been a complete reversal of previous years. Point-to-points, the home training ground for many of the best horses over timber and the trials for some brush horses, have been drawing good fields. The point-to-point at Unionville produced 36 horses in 4 races over timber. In Maryland the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point had a total of 18 starters in 3 races while in the two Virginia point-to-points at Rappahannock and at Piedmont a total of 35 horses went postward. In Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, therefore, this Spring in major point-to-points 89 horses have raced over timber with amateurs up. This means new owners and new riders and once they enter the hunt meeting scene via the timber gate, there is always a chance that they will become part of the sustaining force which is needed to keep these meetings going. Many times such people have not shown the slightest interest in the meetings until they see their colors going postward on a former hunter—then the die is cast. They have continued as timber owners and some of them have gone on to buy brush, hurdle and flat horses, extending their activities to the major tracks.

While steeplechasing is fighting its battle at the major tracks, timber horses are faced with somewhat the same situation at the hunt meetings. No one person knows all the answers and if a helping hand could be extended, rather than just a hand for a check for entry fee, much could be accomplished. The time to talk is before the race—not after.

In the majority of cases, the timber winners receive the smallest purse and a trophy. Yet hunt meetings cannot afford to overlook this part of their programs for if any indication is needed of spectator interest, one has only to go to The Maryland Hunt Cup. One race—but thousands of people drive thousands of miles to watch this event. These horses have to have an opportunity to race in company elsewhere before The Maryland Hunt Cup and this can be done only at other hunt meetings.

One of the proving grounds for Maryland Hunt Cup prospects has been the 4-mile (later shortened to 3 miles) timber race at the Middleburg Hunt Meeting. This is a formidable course and demands the best in a horse. Maryland has its My Lady's Manor and the Grand National Point-to-Point in which to make a final test but the Middleburg course has always been used by owners who want their horses to have a try over a top course.

This Spring there will be no opportunity for such horses to go postward in a Middleburg Hunt Cup. The timber race was completely deleted from the card, on the grounds of insufficient interest in timber racing. To refute such an argument is the fact that the Virginia Gold Cup has come up with 16 entries for its timber event tomorrow despite running in competition with Maryland and the interest in this race far exceeds that of the other five races carded. The purse—a leg on the Virginia Gold Cup—such trophy to be won three times by the same owner.

Middleburg, the place where many of our greats in timber history were bred, schooled and raced, will be on the sidelines, despite the spectator appeal which would augment the cost of getting the course into shape. The brush and hurdle courses must be put into racing condition every time the meeting is held, so why not include the timber course? Before Middleburg writes this sport completely off its books, it might be well to check with owners, trainers and riders and get their viewpoints. They are the ones who make such meetings possible and they are essential to the success or failure of a

meeting. Why cannot Middleburg give timber owners the break they deserve for carrying on a truly sporting tradition in a sporting way? Timber racing has been the cradle of the sport for too long to be lightly disregarded and Middleburg should be the first to recognize the value of the sport rather than the first to pass it by.

Letters To The Editor

Irrigating Systems

Dear Editor:

Recently several of your editorials have stressed the importance of good pasture and have lauded the efforts being made to improve pastures on many of our breeding farms. May I heartily endorse the attention you have given this highly important subject.

However one of your editorials might have created an erroneous impression. On January 18th you stated; "It was not until the last 15 years that intensive efforts were made to improve grass pasture.... Just recently two farms, Elmendorf in Kentucky, managed by L. P. Dougherty and J. O. Hertz' Amarillo Ranch in California have installed irrigating systems, piping water to take care of drought periods in horse pastures.... When it is remembered that a horse in his natural state depends on grass entirely, it seems strange that man has not thought of watering his pastures before."

Irrigated pasture is not new or even recent in California. The Yearbook of Agriculture of 1948 published by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, states: "The use of perennial irrigated pasture (in California) as known today, dates from the late 1920's.... the use of perennial pasture since has grown rapidly. The present acreage is estimated at about 450,000; it seems likely that within the next score of years it will become our (California's) most important forage crop."

Because much of the southern part of California is reclaimed desert, there would be no pasture—except during and immediately after the short rainy season in winter and early spring—if it were not for ir-

rigation. However, with irrigation—and thanks to a growing season of 365 days in average years and 366 in Leap years—the horses on our breeding farms enjoy lush, green pastures the year around.

To my personal knowledge some large horse farms in the state were equipped for and utilized large scale overhead irrigation for pastures as long as 25 years ago. Last year, in my capacity as Field Representative for the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association, I visited well over 300 farms in the state where Thoroughbreds are bred or maintained and at more than 80 percent of these, pastures were irrigated. Of these irrigated pastures the bulk were permanent.

But not all irrigation is overhead. In fact, about half of it is accomplished by flood method and while this requires more labor and has other disadvantages, its exponents feel that it has virtues which, in some instances outweigh its disadvantages.

The bulk of the overhead irrigation is accomplished with sprinklers mounted on the very lightweight pipe with rubber joints, similar to if not identical with that described in one of your stories.

Yours truly,

F. W. Koester, (Col.)

528 E. Commonwealth ave.
Fullerton, Calif.

Likes Olympic Coverage

Dear Editor:

We want to tell you how much we enjoy The Chronicle and look forward to reading it every week. We are so pleased with the excellent coverage of the Olympic teams. You

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Friday, April 11, 1952

Germany Has Unusual Method For Obtaining Horses For Olympics

Herbert Wiesenthal

As time progresses and the date for the Olympic Games in Helsinki comes nearer, the preparations have been intensified in all the countries participating in these events.

A supreme and unusual effort is being made in Western Germany to bring together the best available horses for the three equestrian events in Helsinki. From May 16-18 final trials will be held in Warrendorf (Westphalia). In order to induce owners of horses of Olympic possibilities to put these mounts at the disposal of the Olympic equestrian committee, the unusual step has been taken of offering large prize money to the owners of the winning horses, under the condition that these horses will be made available for the Olympic team.

The trial for the Prix des Nations offers 20,000 German marks to be distributed under the above mentioned conditions among the owners of the horses which take the first five places. This is probably the most valuable jumping event ever held in Europe. For the Individual Dressage trials, 5,000 German marks will be made available and for the trials for the Three Day Event, 5,000 German marks will also be given to the owners of the winning horses. For this special race cross-country courses are being built in Warrendorf. The German horse magazine, Sankt Georg, points out that this is the first time that such large sums of money have been offered for show horses anywhere in Europe.

As we hear it, the Mexican team for the equestrian events in Helsinki is scheduled to participate in an unusually large number of European shows before going to the Olympic Games. Mexico's riders and horses will compete in Italy, Spain, France and most probably in a number of shows in other European shows. The definite selection for the events in Helsinki has not been disclosed as yet.

The first large horse show in Berlin since the war, which was held at the end of February, had an international atmosphere. Besides riders and horses from all over Germany, France, England and the United States were represented. The French Captain de Beaufort on Lutteur was the winner of the most difficult open jumping event before the German's Laabs on Marchall and von Cramm on Fehland. The team jumping had six teams in competition. Winner was a German team Berlin-North Rhine-Westphalia with 8 faults. An international team, consisting of American, French, English and German riders was 4th behind a team of the German Olympic committee and a team from Bavaria. The American Mr. Mautner on Reno Rake was tied for 3rd with the German Mr. Meyer-Hoya on Delta in the individual classification in the same event. First and 2nd were the Germans von Spoerken on Allerlei and Laabs on Demere.

Letters To The Editor

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can imagine how eagerly we look for articles about Major John Russell and how quickly all pictures go into scrapbooks!

Thanks again! We've enjoyed every issue for years.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Harry R. Baker

March 31, 1952

New Cumberland, Pa.

5 Miles Cross Country

Dear Sir:

My husband and I were interested in the time of the Warrenton Point-to-Point, as so beautifully reported by Mrs. Amory Lawrence. Five miles over fences and hunting country in less than 15 minutes sounds about right, but when you figure that the record for a mile is 1.33 and a fraction, I believe (on the flat, that is), the above time boils down to less than double the record. A mile in less than 3 minutes over a country is nothing short of phenomenal.

In the same issue was Gene Weymouth's letter, which was also of interest. I think that the point which

he brings out on the differences in methods here and in England are well done. Though I realize that it would never work out in this country, where wages are so high, work so little, and free time of such importance, it does seem that a man would be more interested in his horses if he had complete charge of them. The way it is done there, i.e., he rubs, exercises and walks his own horses, taking complete care of two. Here at our tracks, one man will rub only three or four horses, and wouldn't dream of walking him, so that one has to hire three men for three or four horses (one to be groom, one to walk hots and an exercise boy).

Sincerely,

(Mrs. George S. Howell)
Nancy Howell

April 1, 1952

Tourelay Farm
Eatontown, N. J.

Disagrees

Dear Editor:

Having just read Gene Weymouth's article on Training and Racing in England, I found that on occasion he is entirely wrong.

Having been in stables for eight

years, his (Gene Weymouth) mistakes were very noticeable to me. Some of the stablemen are not, as he put it, "never good enough to get rides". Quite a few of them have been jockeys but have squandered their money away, therefore stables being the only thing they know, they have had to go back to "doing their two".

Cost of training one horse a week \$16.80 and out of that, the trainer has to pay the Jockey Club for the use of the training ground. That used to be \$2.80 a week. It may have gone up since I have been here.

Touts are called touts and not spies! To conclude, I must say that he has not been to an English race course—only "bumper tracks". Wait till he hears the crowds at either Aintree, Epsom or Newmarket. He won't be able to hear himself speak! I also disagree with him that 50 per cent go racing just to bet. They (the punters) have plenty of bookmakers at home, without having to go to the track.

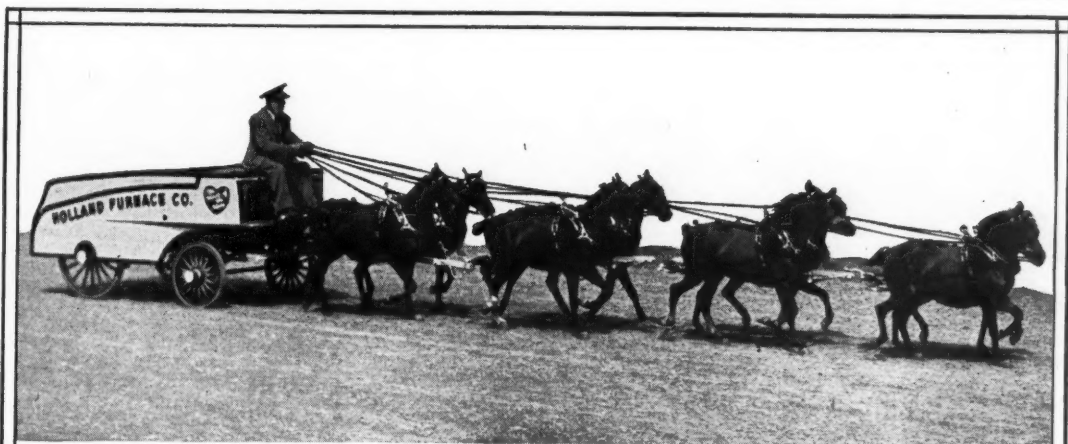
Nevertheless, I enjoyed reading his story, it brought some very pleasant memories back to me. (I'm afraid racing here does not enthuse me, as it does at home.)

Very sincerely,

R. Elkins

April 1, 1952

Catonsville 28, Md.



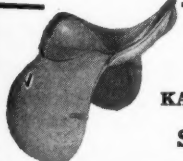
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Melissa Wins Iroquois Point-to-Point

Four Races Are Carded and Successfully Held At Inaugural Running of Iroquois Hunt Club's Point-to-Point At Lexington

Arnold Shrimpton

The inaugural running of the Iroquois Hunt Club's Point-to-Point was held at Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday, March 29. It took place on the Pursley-Rodgers Farm on the Athens-Boonesboro Road, and drew over four-hundred enthusiasts, some of whom journeyed from as far afield as Nashville, Columbus, Louisville, and Cincinnati.

Four races were carded and held under perfect weather conditions, which, once again proves that "le bon Dieu" is heartily in favor of horse shows and point-to-points. Three of the events were competed for over the newly designed course, which must be, without shadow of doubt, one of the toughest and most beautiful point-to-point courses in this country. It is between 3-4 to 4 miles long, has 11 jumps (including 3 stone walls), 4 ditches, and 2 large creek crossings. Immediately after fording the last of these, horse and rider are faced with a real tough hill climb (which any car would have to take in very low gear) before coming to the crest of a plateau and taking the last three jumps. It is a real endurance test for both the man and his mount, and is the nearest thing to a genuine Irish Point-to-Point that I have seen outside of the Punchestown Cup. At one point the field can be seen racing along a cliff top, where, with the bright blue Kentucky sky for a backdrop, and a turbulent creek winding through lush green pasture land below, they look for all the world like a Munnings water-color. Both the start and the finish take place on top of high rising ground which enables the spectators to follow the horses all the way 'round, with the exception of the 3rd jump, and the second creek crossing.

The first race got under way at approximately 2:30 p. m., and was a heavyweight hunters' affair which drew a field of 5. They were Big Board, owned by Edward Spears and ridden by Mr. Tom Bennett; Roanberry, owned by Miss Elizabeth Erdman, and ridden by Mr. Laurance Simpson; John Clippinger's Elena, ridden by Mr. Howard Tilson; Kem, a raking big grey hunter owned by Jack Hinkle and ridden by Mr. Richard Jones; and lastly, Dave, property of W. Fauntleroy Pursley, with Mr. Gerald Mayer up.

Away to an excellent start, Elena went to the front over the 1st fence followed by Big Board, Dave, Kem and Roanberry. At the 2nd fence, Elena and Big Board were together, but immediately after the latter elected to go on as Elena was jumping very big and was too close for comfort. Coming to the first creek crossing, Big Board was clearly on top, followed by Elena, Dave, Roanberry, and Kem in that order. Approaching the 3rd fence, Elena improved her position and got to within 3 or 4 lengths of the pace setter, while Dave started an early move, but was placed under snug restraint by his rider. Kem was pulled up and Roanberry trailed.

Going along the top of Gentry's Cliff, they made a fine sight, and it was here that Dave moved up to Big Board with Elena gradually dropping out of the picture. Over the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th fences, Dave and Big Board jumped as a team, during which time the lead changed hands (never by more than a length) on several occasions. As they dropped out of sight coming to the second creek crossing, followed by the formidable hill, they were still together, and as they came into view again to take the stone wall it was Dave by a length with Big Board still right on his tail. Over the last jump, Dave was a tiring horse and his rider had enough sense to sit still and not get excited, which policy resulted in a narrow victory of 3-4 of a length. Big Board jumped the last with a 3 length disadvantage, but Mr. Tom Bennett set him alight in the run in and the big chestnut resolutely closed ground to be overhauling the winner at the finish

line. This was Jerry Mayer's first win and he had waited long and patiently for it to arrive. It was all the more welcome because it was achieved on a good horse against tough opposition and Mr. Mayer can now account himself a "blooded" amateur rider.

The next race was the ladies' hunter (at catchweights) over the same course. Four of them came under orders. They were Brown One, owned and ridden by Mrs. Sally Hines Hinkle (both the title and the suffix are going to take quite a bit of getting used to); Brady, ridden by Miss Martha House, and owned by the ever genial Dennis Murphy; Brownwood, belonging to and ridden by Miss Jodie Frenzel; as well as Whole Wheat, owned and ridden by Miss LeFrieda Schneider, a veteran rider of some 15 summers.

Getting away in good line, Brown One went on top over the 1st jump, but was immediately restrained by his rider and dropped back to 3rd place. Brownwood went on with a slight lead from Brady, while Whole Wheat brought up the rear. Over the 2nd fence, Brady forged to the front, followed by Brownwood, Brown One and Whole Wheat in that order. Going past the Indian Graveyard and down to the creek crossing, Brady opened up a 10-length advantage over Brownwood, while the other two were now running as a pair. Forging the creek, Brady slipped and lost Miss Martha House, while going well, and immediately after Brownwood also got rid of his rider when coming up the creek bank.

This left the race to the other two, who were still together and they very sensibly decided to concentrate on jumping the course rather than racing it. Over the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Brown One held the advantage, but shortly thereafter his rider gave him a well earned breather and Miss Schneider again drew into contention. At this point the riderless Brady picked up the field and it looked for a moment as if fresh hazard was in store, but it was averted by an alert patrol judge, who quickly picked up the intruder before he could do any damage.

Over the 11th and final jump, Brown One was on top by 2, but tiring visibly, while Whole Wheat was willing and eager to give battle, even at this late stage. In the run to the judge, both horses and their riders gave their best, with Brown One just succeeding in staving off the determined bid of Whole Wheat by half-a-length.

The next event was a 6-furlong scamper on the flat and it drew only 3 runners. Little Ken was much the best and quickly going to the front, he stayed in that position throughout. Step Along did move up into a challenging position at one stage, but was unable to go on with what he had started. Dear John was far outclassed.

At approximately 4:00 o'clock, the field paraded for the feature event—The Lightweight Hunter Race for The Iroquois Hunt Club Cup. It brought out 6 starters, which in program order were, Shalimar, trained, owned and ridden by Mr. Tommy Rankin; Grandtrap, the Iroquois Memorial winner, owned by Caddis Morris and ridden by Mr. Howard Tilson; Portia, with owner-rider, Mr. Paul W. Steer in the irons; Snow Broom, owned by Col. T. J. Johnson, and ridden by the Olympic rider, Col. Robertson; Melissa, property of, and ridden by Mr. Thomas Satterwhite; and a post entry of Mr. Burford Danner's, Comet, with Mr. Gerald Mayer in the saddle.

Again an excellent start prevailed with Grandtrap quickly going on top from Shalimar, Portia, Melissa, Snow Broom and Comet. Over the 2nd jump and swinging down toward the creek, Shalimar was taken to the front with Grandtrap lying 2nd and Melissa improving. In the long run to the 3rd fence, Melissa moved up boldly and assumed command over Shalimar and Grandtrap, with Portia

War Front Wins At Green Spring

John K. Shaw, Jr.'s Owner-Ridden Brown Gelding Is Third of War Peril's Get To Win Over Timber So Far This Season

Katharine Hoffman

The Green Spring Valley Hounds of Glyndon, Md. held their annual old-fashioned point-to-point on Saturday, March 29 in a driving rain. The race was shortened this year to about 4 1-2 miles over natural hunting country. Last year the 20 starters had about a 6-mile trip. The start was at Thomas Nichol's this year, with a turning point at Mr. Zouck's and then on to the finish at Judge Coleman's barracks.

Mr. John K. Shaw, Jr. annexed the honors for the afternoon on his own War Front, and Miss Marion Grieb was the winning lady, mounted on Wilbur Hubbard's Actor.

There were 12 starters, all of whom were required to jump the formidable four-rail fence on top of Mr. Nichol's hill, and after that it was a question of who knew the shortest way. As Starter James McHenry dropped the flag, Miss Laura Franklin on her own Montana Moon, and Mrs. Edward Stettinius on Miss Franklin's Roxspur, set a very fast pace into the 1st fence, closely followed by Mr. B. H. Griswold, III on Do Tell and Mr. Lawrason Riggs on Manly.

After the 1st fence there were two routes to take, but the majority came down across Mr. Nichol's hill into a chicken coop at the bottom. Here Miss Franklin had a hard fall while Mrs. Stettinius and Roxspur galloped on in front. However, right in behind her was Mr. Frank Riggs on Hospitable, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Frank Bonsal, Jr. on Flicka, Mr. Hugh O'Donovan on Yowsah, Mr. Harry Love on Third Army and Mr. David McIntosh, III on Jack O'Hara.

Miss Grieb on Actor had taken her own route after the 1st fence, but joined in with the others as they disappeared from sight across Mr. Fenwick's hilltop, and on towards the flag, where all participants were required to pick up a poker chip. Mr. Riggs was in front as they came away from the flag, as Mrs. Stettinius had to dismount when her saddle slipped, but the others were be-

ginning to close in on him. Here again there was a choice and some took the line straight through F. A. Bonsal's meadow to Mr. McHenry's and thence to Judge Coleman's.

However, Mr. Shaw turned off halfway down Mr. Bonsal's meadow, with Mr. Griswold in close pursuit and from there on they made a race of it. Manly, with Mr. Riggs up, began to show signs of tiring going down the meadow. Young Frank Riggs took over the lead from him and except for bad luck in a stream crossing, and then a fall over the last fence, would have been very close to Messrs. Shaw and Griswold who were racing head and head for the last mile on the higher ground. It was a very exciting finish with Mr. Shaw winning by a part of a neck from Mr. Griswold. Mr. Love on Third Army was 3rd, some length back and Mr. Bonsal finished 4th on Flicka. Miss Grieb was just behind in 5th place, to be the first lady to finish.

It was a very good race over the finest country as one could ask for and once again the Green Spring Old Fashioned Point-to-Point afforded a sporting afternoon for fox hunters.

SUMMARIES

Green Spring Valley Hounds Old Fashioned Point-to-Point. About 4½ miles over natural hunting country. Open to members of recognized hunts and to subscribers to Green Spring Valley Hounds. Horses to have regularly hunted during the 1951-52 season. To be ridden at catchweights, in regular hunting attire and in hunting tack. Trophy to the winner and to the first lady to finish. Winner: br. g. (10) by War Peril—Quotados, by Lantados. Breeder: H. M. Cornwell. No time taken.

1. War Front, (J. K. Shaw, Jr.).
2. Do Tell, (B. H. Griswold, III).
3. Third Army, (H. Love).

Mr. H. Love.

12 started; 9 finished; also ran (order of finish): Frank Bonsal, Jr.'s Flicka, Mr. Frank Riggs, Jr.; Wilbur Hubbard's Actor, Miss Marion Grieb; J. W. Y. Martin's Yowsah, Mr. H. J. Donovan; Lawrason Riggs' Manly, Mr. Lawrason Riggs; D. G. McIntosh, III's Jack O'Hara, Mr. D. G. McIntosh, III; Gen. J. P. Devereux' Night Flight, Gen. J. P. Devereux; fell: Frank Riggs' Hospitable, Mr. Frank Riggs; pulled up and then finished: Miss Laura Franklin's Roxspur, Mrs. Edward Stettinius; fell: (remounted to finish) Miss Laura Franklin's Montana Moon, Miss Laura Franklin.

liever in getting the younger members to take an active interest in their Hunt and it was at his instigation and behest that this point-to-point was put on. Everyone pitched in with willing spirit and indefatigable will and one of the best cross-country races I have ever seen was the result. The cost was small, the fun was great and the kudos considerable. The Iroquois Point-to-Point has arrived.

SUMMARIES

Heavyweight hunter race, 185 lbs., about 3½ miles over flagged course. Winner: Breeding unknown. Time: 9:27.

1. Dave, (W. F. Pursley), 185.
2. Big Board, (Edward Spears), 196.
3. Elena, (John Clippinger), 185.

Mr. Howard Tilson.

5 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): Elizabeth Erdman's Roanberry, 200. Mr. Lawrence Simpson; Jack Hinkle's Kem, 185. Mr. Richard Jones. Scratched: Time O'Day.

Ladies' hunter race, catchweight. Breeding unknown. Time: 9:48.

1. Brown One, (Mrs. Jack Hinkle).
2. Whole Wheat, (LeFrieda Schneider).

Miss LeFrieda Schneider.

4 started, 2 finished; slipped and lost rider after crossing water: Jodie Frenzel's Brownwood, Miss Jodie Frenzel; fell at water jump: Dennis Murphy's Brady, Miss Martha House. Scratched: Scandal.

Flat race, ¾ mi., open. Winner: Little Ken, br. g. (7) by Devil Red—Fortuity, by Chance Play. Time: 1:25.

1. Little Ken, (Thomas Bullitt), 150.
2. Step Alone, (Charles Clark), 175.
3. Dear John, (Bill Jennings), 150.

Bill Jennings.

Only 3 started. No scratches.

Lightweight hunter race, 165 lbs., abt. 3½ mi., for Iroquois Hunt Club Cup. Winner: ch. m. (13). Pedigree: unknown. Time: 9:07 3-5.

1. Melissa, (Thomas Satterwhite), 175.
2. Comet, (Burford Danner), 165.
3. Shalimar, (Thomas A. Rankin), 165.

Mr. Thomas A. Rankin.

6 started, 4 finished; also ran (order of finish): Col. T. J. Johnson's Snow Broom, 185. Col. Robertson; pulled up: (half-way mark) Paul W. Steer's Portia, 165. Mr. Paul W. Steer; pulled up: Mr. and Mrs. C. Morris' Grandtrap, 186. Mr. Howard Tilson. Scratched: Dave, Kem.

Friday, April 11, 1952

Maryland Horses Sweep Cheshire

Three of Four Point-to-Points Won By
*Philstar, Fauquier Flag and Elkridge-
Harford Team At Unionville Meeting

Jean McClure Hanna

In the last few years, from an always friendly and delightful afternoon's point-to-point racing, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds meeting at Unionville, Pa. has developed immeasurably in importance till it has the feel of what I fondly imagine Punchestown to be like—all the excitement and quality of the big time with the added charm of a purely amateur sporting approach. This year's card showed 45 horses entered in the four races—and 36 went to the post, 20 of them owner-ridden. The going was perfect, and the afternoon began as a balmy and benign one for the upwards of 4,000 keenly interested spectators gathered on the hill—but right after the heavyweight race, the weather played us false, and turned icy cold and wetter than I can remember rain ever to have been before.

Eight fit horses went out to Starter Frank Smith for the 3 miles over a fair hunting country of the ladies' race. The field got off to a somewhat ragged start, but quickly sorted themselves out, with Mrs. John B. Hannum III, M. F. H. Cheshire, on Wartime, and her sister, Mrs. Joseph Walker, Jr. who had had adjacent post positions, jumping the 1st fence head and head, and I think over the same panel, followed by Miss Gloria Young on Tom McKelvey's Hippus, and Mrs. Charles Cannon on her Tom Thumb. All the girls took a good pull after the 1st fence—no one wanting to go out on top so early in the game—and Mrs. Walker pulled back to lie 4th over the 2nd fence, with Wartime still in the lead, Hippus 2nd, and Tom Thumb 3rd.

The order stayed the same over the bank, where Mrs. Louis Neilson, Jr. made her first move on Fauquier Flag to overhaul Bright Lantern, and Miss Elizabeth Bosley on Walter Wickes, Jr.'s Big Bones came on strongly. The field was closely bunched at the coop, with Fauquier Flag, Hippus and Tom Thumb going right-handed, and Big Bones and Bright Lantern keeping a little to the left, picking up 4 or 5 lengths. As they turned north, the order was Fauquier Flag, Hippus, Wartime, Big Bones, and Bright Lantern, with Miss Betty Jane Baldwin on George Strawbridge's 4-year-old War News and Miss Alva Robinson on her Icy Fingers following in that order, which remained the same till they turned the second flag.

At the new coop, Fauquier Flag was still on top, with Hippus 2nd, and it was here that Wartime began to tire and Bright Lantern to come on. Coming into the in and out, Fauquier Flag was on top, Hippus 2nd, Big Bones 3rd and Bright Lantern 4th, but coming out Bright Lantern, making time over his fences like the tried and true campaigner he is, was lying 2nd to Fauquier Flag. The girls really turned on the heat then, and galloped down the hill, the leaders now closely pursued by War News.

They went into the woods with Fauquier Flag still on top, Bright Lantern 2nd. Out of the woods these two jumped head and head and ran on at a terrific clip over the two fences to the last flag. Here Fauquier Flag jumped a panel on a line with the flag, and Mrs. Walker pulled Bright Lantern slightly above the flag. Bright Lantern outjumped Fauquier Flag and was just making the turn when the crash occurred. It was a hard one—they really soaked into each other—but both horses must be bold and tough because they came on as strong as ever, with Bright Lantern leading over the 3rd and 2nd from last, and Fauquier Flag taking the lead over the last.

Both horses came on strongly up the hill to the finish but the younger horse showed more foot and shot home the winner, capped in with mad excitement by a large Maryland contingent lined up along the stretch. War News and Tom Thumb had been battling it out behind the

leaders and Miss Baldwin gave her many friends on the hill some excitement when, instead of jumping the 3rd from last fence where it had been cleared of honeysuckle and built new, she put the colt at an overgrown place in the fence, between two cherry trees that looked no more than four feet apart and came down over the soft spot between the holes, and the stakes that had been put to mark the holes, while the rest of the field were galloping over the newly-drained section of the field. This surprise move may have netted her some ground, and she and the colt came in 3rd with Tom Thumb, well handled by his owner Miss Cann, 4th.

It was a beautiful race to watch, with no one ever really out of their running, and all the horses jumping well, and every one of them well ridden. It was a shame that Mrs. Hannum's good horse was hurt the week before, but no one could have been a better sport than she about what she said before the race would be "a nice hack round."

The heavyweight race was another peach to watch, with 7 horses going to the starter, 5 of them owner-ridden, and all well-known to the crowd. The field got away to a good start, with Mr. D. B. Brewster taking over the early lead on Bachelor's Double with Mr. George Munger on C. Paul Denckla's Red Nib, twice winner of the same race, pressing hard, and the rest well bunched behind the leaders. Mr. Nathan Clark, (a visitor from England who has hunted with 38 packs in this country) on Tom McKelvey's Hydrobella fell at the 1st fence, but with experience garnered at many point-to-points abroad, including Punchestown, hung onto his horse and remounted in record time and got going again fast. The race resolved itself into a hard-fought duel between Bachelors Double and Red Nib, which were really going out against each other, and it made a thrilling race to watch. Mr. Joseph Murtagh's Bushes was running well under control and he and Hydrobella showed more condition throughout than the rest of the field.

Bachelors Double came out of the woods on top and turned toward home, still leading and coming at a good clip but hit the next to last fence a belt and came down, giving Red Nib his break. So completely did everyone regard the race now as being Red's and George Munger's that I'm afraid his friends gave him a bum steer and shouted to him to take it easy—at any rate he was looking back over his left shoulder to see if Danny Brewster was up. Through on the inside on his right shot the dark horse, Bushes, which had plenty left to simply fly home, brilliantly ridden in one of his owners famous stretch runs to win a few yards from home. Mr. Brewster had remounted Bachelors Double and came on in 3rd place and everyone was pleased to see Mr. Clark come in in good shape on Hydrobella for 4th. Mr. William Thompson's Third Try appeared short and came in a tired 5th, followed by Mr. Charles Van Pelt on his Ballyraine, with Mr. Ernest W. Grace last on his fatigued Nobby.

The paddock scales only went up to 200 pounds, and most of the jockeys would have tipped the scales at several pounds over that, so that these horses had carried better than 200 pounds over 3 miles at a good pace (7:45 was the time) in the best heavyweight race it has been my privilege to see.

It was raining in earnest by the time the big field of 12 horses went out for the start of the Cheshire Bowl. They broke as though shot from a gun—too fast it looked for a down-hill start into biggish timber, and three did come to grief at once. Mr. D. B. Brewster's clever Seminar came in fast but propped carefully and was over safely. Behind him Mr. Walter Brewster on Pharo, A. P. "Paddy" Smithwick

on Merry Old Soul and Mr. Peter Jay on his Jem Craig piled up in as nasty looking a scramble as you'd never want to see. Pharo refused and ran across Merry Old Soul who took off anyway and jumped Pharo's quarters plus the fence, hooking Walter Brewster with his hind legs en route and pulling him off his horse, with Mr. Peter Jay and Jem Craig crashing through the fence beside him and landing in a horrible, scrambling, rolling fall which laid Mr. Jay out completely cold. (Mr. Jay, sitting up in bed at the Hannums' on Sunday, said he couldn't understand even then what happened—he feels sure he was over the fence all right—but it looked to observers as if Jem Craig hit the fence hard, breaking a rail, and went down.)

From now on Mr. John B. Hannum III on Our Hobo and Horace Hammond on *Tolbac took over the running and set the most blistering pace ever seen in a point-to-point, closely pursued by Mr. Stuart Janney on *Philstar. The three of them swapped a length here or there, jumping some fences practically together. Coming into the in-and-out Our Hobo and *Philstar jumped head and head and lit out down the hill and up into the woods with *Philstar in front, Our Hobo 2nd and *Tolbac 3rd, with some distance between the leaders and the rest of the field. Our Hobo came out of the woods on top and a-flying, but galloped down into a soft spot and literally stood on his head (he is scratched all around back of and between his ears), breaking Mr. Hannum's collar bone.

*Philstar and his famous jock ran on over the last three fences at a great clip, with *Tolbac, which had been handled boldly and skillfully throughout by young Horace Hammond, coming up fast, with another youngster, Mr. Russell Jones, Jr., on Black Tie coming up into 3rd position. Mr. Charles Cann, who had ridden a good heady race on his *Cloonshoe was 4th. Mr. D. B. Brewster and Seminar had been close behind the leaders several times and had looked like finishing well up in the money but came to grief at the 3rd fence from home for Mr. Brewster's second hard fall of the day. Another very young jock, Mr. Robert Leaf, on Tri-Socks, was 5th. Mr. James Arthur, Master of White-marsh, on his nice gray Allez D'or which was making his first try over timber, came in 6th.

The team race for the Foxhall Farm Cup—so big that if the victors did ever follow their friends' urgent suggestions to fill it with champagne, a man might easily fall into it and drown—was watched by only the hardest of the race-goers, run as it was in the pouring icy rain. Three teams competed—Rolling Rock, Cheshire, and Elkridge-Harford. Rolling Rock, the defending champions, had rough luck at the 1st fence when Mr. Alfred Hunt's good ex-timber horse Flare Flight fell, but Mr. Hunt remounted and went on. Mr. H. C. (Jiggs) Baldwin, riding for Cheshire, had a tough time, too, because R. M. Tindle's Doughboy ran out of gas at the top of the long hill up from the start (the team race is 4 1-2 miles, so the start is different) and had to be pulled up at the road, unfortunately eliminating Cheshire's chances for a team victory. But Mr. R. M. Tindle, going great guns on a horse that was new to him, Mr. Hannum's recently purchased War Fever, went on to make the running. (When Mr. Hannum was hurt, Mr. Tindle got up on the horse he was going to ride in the team race, and Mr. Thompson was thrown up on Mr. Tindle's Revolt), and went very well.)

Mr. Louis (Pat) Neilson, Jr., Field Master of Elkridge-Harford, up on his own Cassius, stayed well up, and Mr. Percival Oliver on Rolling Rock's Invulnerable, Mr. George Clement, M. F. H. Rolling Rock, on *No Wings, Paddy Smithwick on Dancing Lad for Elkridge-Harford, and Walter Ball on E. S. Voss' Thimble Rigger let no grass grow under their feet, either. War Fever and Cassius battled it out all the way in and it wasn't until the last fence that Cassius pulled decisively ahead to chalk up another Maryland victory—the 3rd of the 4-race day—as Elkridge-Harford won both the individual and team honors. Paddy Smithwick on

Dancing Lad (which had hit several fences hard and would have lost a lesser jock) was 3rd, No Wing 4th, Thimble Rigger 5th, Revolt 6th and Invulnerable 7th. Flare Flight, which definitely was not on his day, was last after innumerable refusals, and the most patient and determined ride by his owner.

A really top day's racing, it was—and the utmost credit should be given to the organization and tireless effort put into it by the Hannums to whom nothing is apparently too much trouble if it provides true sport.

SUMMARIES
Ladies' race, abt. 3 mi., hunting country, minimum weight 150 lbs. Horse regularly hunted with a recognized hunt club during season 1951-52. Winner: Ch. g. (7) by Flag Pole—Golden Dream, by Polydor. Breeder: Mrs. Paul R. Marsch. Time: 7:21 1-5.
1. Fauquier Flag, (Mrs. Louis Neilson, Jr.), Mrs. Louis Neilson, Jr.
2. Bright Lantern, (Mrs. J. Walker, Jr.), Mrs. J. Walker, Jr.
3. War News, (George Strawbridge), Miss Betty Jane Baldwin.
4 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. C. C. Cann's Tom Thumb, Mrs. C. C. Cann; Thomas McKelvey's Hippus, Miss Gloria Young; Alva Robinson's Icy Fingers, Miss Alva Robinson; Walter Wickes, Jr.'s Big Bones, Miss Elizabeth Bosley; Mrs. John B. Hannum, III's Wartime, Mrs. John B. Hannum, III. Scratched: Deep Six.

Brooklawn Challenge Cup, abt. 3 mi., hunting country, minimum weight 200 lbs. Horse regularly hunted with recognized hunt club, gentleman member of any recognized hunt club. Winner: b. g. (5) breeder and breeding unknown. Time: 7:45.
1. Bushes, (J. T. Murtagh), Mr. J. T. Murtagh.
2. Red Nib, (C. Paul Denckla), Mr. George Munger.
3. Bachelors Double, (D. B. Brewster), Mr. D. B. Brewster.
7 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): Thomas McKelvey's Hydrobella, Mr. Nathan Clark; William Thompson's Third Try, Mr. William Thompson; Charles B. P. Van Pelt's Ballyraine, Mr. Charles B. P. Van Pelt; Ernest W. Grace's Nobby, Mr. Ernest W. Grace. Scratched: Sun Prince, Big Bones.

Cheshire Bowl, abt. 3 mi., hunting country, minimum weight 170 lbs. Hunt livery. Winner: b. g. (8) by Starmond—Fairphila, by Philammon. Breeder: M. Cagney (Ireland). Time: 7:12.

1. *Philstar, (Stuart S. Janney), Mr. Stuart S. Janney.
2. *Tolbac, (Thomas Stokes), Horace Hammond.
3. Black Tie, (Plumly Farms), Mr. Russell Jones, Jr.
12 started, 6 finished; also ran (order of finish): C. C. Cann's *Cloonshoe, Mr. C. C. Cann; Robert Leaf's Tri-Socks, Mr. Robert Leaf; Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur's Allez D'Or, Mr. James Arthur; fell; 2nd to last fence, D. B. Brewster's Seminar, Mr. D. B. Brewster; fell; 4th fence from finish, John B. Mull's Katoushka, Albert Crosson; fell on flat, John B. Hannum, III's Our Hobo, Mr. John B. Hannum, III; fell; (1st) Marie Maud McKim's Merry Ol' Soul, A. P. Smithwick; fell; (1st) Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jay's Jem Craig, Mr. Peter Jay; refused; (1st) Walter Brewster's Pharo, Mr. Walter Brewster. Scratched: Thimble Rigger, Blue Kilts, Deep Six, Warden, Laughing Lad.

Foxhall Farm Cup, abt. 4 1/2 mi., fair hunting country, to be ridden by amateur or professionals in hunt livery; teams of three horses from one hunt which have been hunted regularly with that hunt. Winning Hunt: Elkridge-Harford.

1. Cassius, (Louis Neilson, Jr.), Mr. Louis Neilson, Jr. (Elkridge-Harford)
2. War Fever, (Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hannum, III), Mr. R. M. Tindle (Cheshire)
3. Dancing Lad, (Marie Maud McKim), A. P. Smithwick, (Elkridge-Harford)
4. *No Wings, (Maj. Gen. R. K. Mellon), Mr. George Clement, (Rolling Rock Hunt)
5. Thimble Rigger, (E. S. Voss), Walter N. Ball, (Elkridge-Harford)
6. Revolt, (R. M. Tindle), Mr. William Thompson, (Cheshire)
7. Invulnerable, (R. H. Kelly), Mr. Percival Oliver, (Rolling Rock Hunt)
8. Flare Flight, (Alfred Hunt), Mr. Alfred Hunt, (Rolling Rock Hunt)
Doughboy, (R. M. Tindle), H. C. Baldwin, Jr. (pulled up) (Cheshire)

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Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point

Mrs. Gary Black's Captain Black, Mrs. Louis Neilson, Jr.'s Cassius, and Dan Brewster's *Bachelor's Double Triumph

Karl Koontz

Heavy rains and high winds spent the morning of April 5 rending their fury on the Maryland countryside, but just before the first race of the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point the sun finally punctured the black clouds and the Monoton skies brightened.

Overhead it was fine, but underfoot it was almost a lolly. In fact, over numerous parts of the course, which is laid out over the Atlanta Hall Farm of Edward S. Voss, the water stood to a depth of a few inches, with the bottom land practically a quagmire. Despite weather conditions Maryland sportsmen are much too stout hearted to let such as this hold up an annual point-to-point.

Nine entries sloshed to the post with a host of horses new to the Maryland timber fans. If you wanted a favorite, you couldn't very well overlook Mrs. Gary Black's Captain Black, with Hugh O'Donovan up. This pair was doing a top-notch job in the 1950 Maryland Hunt Cup and at the 10th when about to take the lead, they were carried out. In spite of losing much ground, they finished a good 5th.

This Saturday proved to be Captain Black's day. After running on the vicious pace he took the lead when E. S. Voss' Surprise, which had led for the most part of the second turn of the course, swerved badly at the 22nd losing Doug Small. Captain Black went on to win by a good 6 lengths. Louis Neilson, Jr. on his Fauquier Flag took the place over Mrs. M. M. McKim's Merry Old Soul. Fauquier Flag won the ladies' race at this fixture last year with Mrs. Neilson riding and on March 29, this pair accounted for the ladies' race at Cheshire.

Mike Smithwick did the piloting job on Merry Old Soul, which back in 1949 was a winner over hurdles at Saratoga. Invulnerable, with George Clement up, was the last horse to finish. Mr. R. H. Kelly's well-bred brown gelding is a timber veteran and has to his credit a win in the Cecil County Steeplechase. Fife Symington's Palau, winner of the Elkridge-Harford Hunter Trials in 1950, had Ben Griswold in the irons, but in the soft going he was completely done in and was pulled up after the 23rd.

Janon Fisher, Jr.'s Lady's Ace was making his first start over post and rails. Back in 1947 this horse ran 2nd to Carolyn A in the Louisiana Derby and had run in the Belmont and Dwyer Stakes. However, the big black in-and-out, jumps No. 7 and 8 on the course proved his Waterloo.

This in-and-out, composed of a black plank fence and a black post and rail, when viewed from back about three strides on the take off side, appears as one obstacle. Then as the horse takes another stride nearer the jump, he suddenly realizes what it is and you can see where he cuts in, as he steadies himself. Then, too, the people which crowd around the jump, are screened from the oncoming horses by the side of the shed. At about the time the horse sees the fence, he also has this mass of waving people thrown into view.

Lady's Ace hit hard going in, and spun Janon Fisher III out of the saddle onto the off side where the rider hung with his right arm over the horse's neck as the big brown gelding, without breaking stride, took off over the out. It was a futile battle, but Janon III stayed with him until they were almost to the next fence. Lady's Ace continued on the course, jumping the fences as they came without interfering with the field.

Jack Bosley III, who is getting himself into riding trim in anticipation of getting his license back and riding in the Virginia Gold Cup, was up on Walter Brewster's Pharos, which came to grief at the 5th, while Mrs. H. Lomas' Rough Pastime fell at the 5th with Dan Brewster.

Entries were not too numerous for the ladies' race and only three horses were saddled for the event. Mrs. Neilson, who last year won this event on Fauquier Flag, was up on her chestnut Cassius, which her husband rode as a member of the winning hunt team at Cheshire, being the first horse to finish. Miss Anna Bockius was up on G. H. C. Arrowsmith's good jumping grey Barrier, and Miss Alva Robinson on her Icy Fingers completed the field.

At the start and over the 1st fence, Icy Fingers had the lead over Barrier with Cassius last. Barrier moved up on the lead over the 2nd with Icy Fingers and then Cassius. Over the 6th, Cassius had moved up on the lead with Barrier running in 2nd, and Icy Fingers last. They held this same order for a turn of the course and as they came into the big in-and-out the second time, Icy Fingers had dropped back. He hit hard going in and unshipped his rider, who remounted but did not continue.

As they came into sight over the 22nd, Barrier had the lead, but between this fence and the last he was weakening. Cassius caught him at the fence and came on to win by about 5 lengths, giving Mrs. Neilson her second straight victory.

Six horses went to the post in the final race of the afternoon, the heavy weight, which provided the most thrilling finish of the day. At the start, Third Army, with Owner H. Love aboard (some 30 pounds overweight), moved out on top, followed by *Bachelor's Double, Wardun, Sardonie, *No Wings, and Bomber. This same order held over the next fence and out of view. Sardonie and Third Army were alternating the lead as they came down the hill from the 5th, with *Bachelor's Double close up and the rest bunched. At the 6th Sardonie refused as did Third Army, the latter jumping the fence almost from a standstill.

As the field came on into the in-and-out, they were moving at a sane hunting pace with Major General R. K. Mellon's *No Wings, George Clement up, leading, with Wardun 2nd, Jay Secor wrestling with Bomber, *Bachelor's Double and then Third Army and Sardonie.

When the field reappeared before the 12th, Dan Brewster's Irish Import, *Bachelor's Double, was leading Third Army, then the big grey Sardonie, with owner Hugh Milspaugh up, Bomber, *No Wings, and Wardun.

Through the big in-and-out the order was the same with the exception that *No Wings moved up to be 2nd. As they came into the 22nd, *Bachelor's Double and Third Army had drawn ahead of the rest, but on landing over it the horses started to move. On the flat between these fences the pace quickened. Wardun started his drive and was closing ground like a greyhound on a rabbit. It was a thrilling finish as all five horses were driving. *Bachelor's Double hit the wire first over Third Army and Wardun, all just whiskers apart, then *No Wings, Bomber, and Sardonie.

This point-to-point usually produces some horses that run on and do well over timber, and Maryland timber fans will be on the lookout for these horses in the coming triple of timber racing.

SUMMARIES

S. LURMAN STEWART CHALLENGE CUP, abt. 4 mi. over fair hunting country. Light-weight 165 lbs. Winner: b. g. (9), by Legume-Kosan, by Meridian. Breeder: Mrs. Van-Lear Black. No time taken.

1. Captain Black, (Mrs. Gary Black), Mr. Hugh O'Donovan.
2. Fauquier Flag, (Louis Neilson, Jr.), Mr. Louis Neilson, Jr.
3. Merry Old Soul, (Mrs. M. M. McKim), M. Smithwick.
9 started, 4 finished; also ran (order of finish): R. H. Kelly's Invulnerable, Mr. Geotge

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Hunting Hunters Before Judges



IROQUOIS HUNT POINT-TO-POINT. The field going to the post in the ladies' hunter race. Left to right: Mrs. Sally H. Hinkle on the ultimate winner, Brown One; Miss J. Frenzel on Brownwood; No. 3; Miss M. House on Brady and Miss LeFrieda Schneider on Whole Wheat. (Meadors Photo)

AT TRYON HUNT HUNTER TRIALS. Left to right: C. B. Sweatt, Jr., Bob Collyer, Arthur Reynolds and Going My Way who retired the Pine Crest Cup, Gordon Wright, Mrs. W. E. Munk and Glenn Wenger. Albert P. Hinckley, M.F.H. Old Dominion Hounds, is the judge on the Tally-Ho. (Norton Photo)



MIDDLEBURG HUNTER TRIALS. Mrs. Newell J. Ward, Jr. rode her Little Jiggs to annex a leg on the Perkins Trophy and the reserve championship to Mrs. S. C. Clark, Jr.'s Ever So. (Hawkins Photo)



THE KENTMERE AT BLUE RIDGE HUNT. Mr. Sidney Culver rode Richard Dole's Jordan to annex the heavyweight point-to-point, Jordan's third winning effort this spring. (Darling Photo)

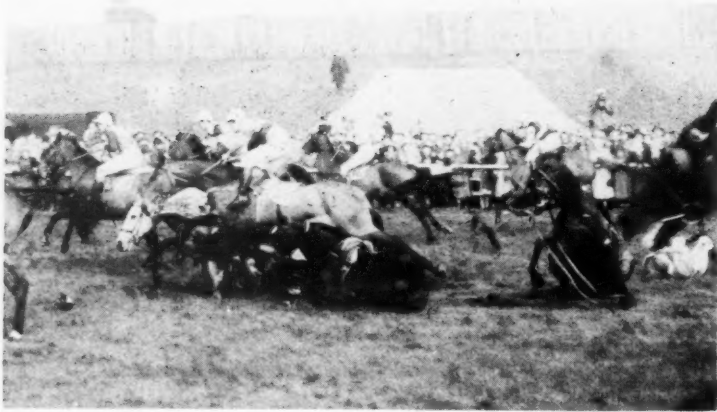


LADIES' RACE AT BLUE RIDGE. Mrs. Richard Fadeley chalked up her third victory on Mrs. Fenton Fadeley's Head Agent. Reynolds Town (left) was 2nd and Black Slave 3rd. (Darling Photo)

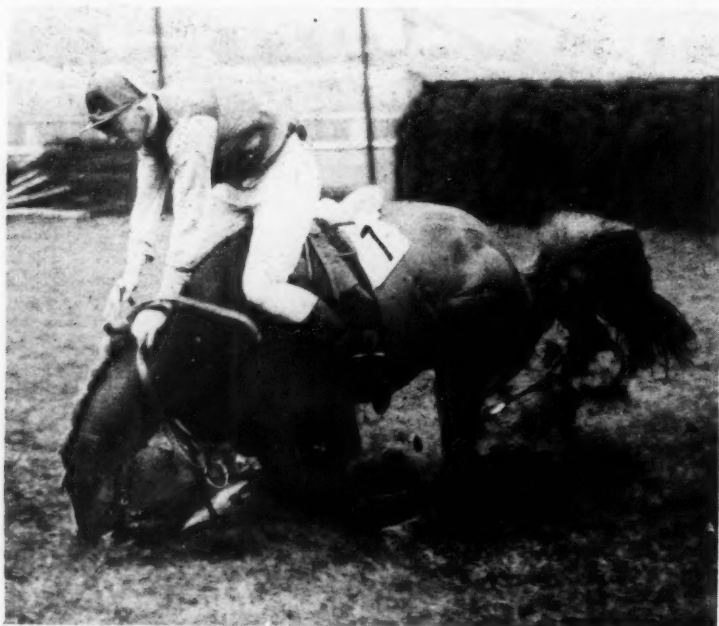


J. W. LEWIS MEMORIAL. Winner of the feature event at Blue Ridge was Mrs. J. T. Skinner's *Polichinela II with Mr. L. Murdock up (nearer camera). Second was J. Funkhouser's *Aufakt. (Darling Photo)

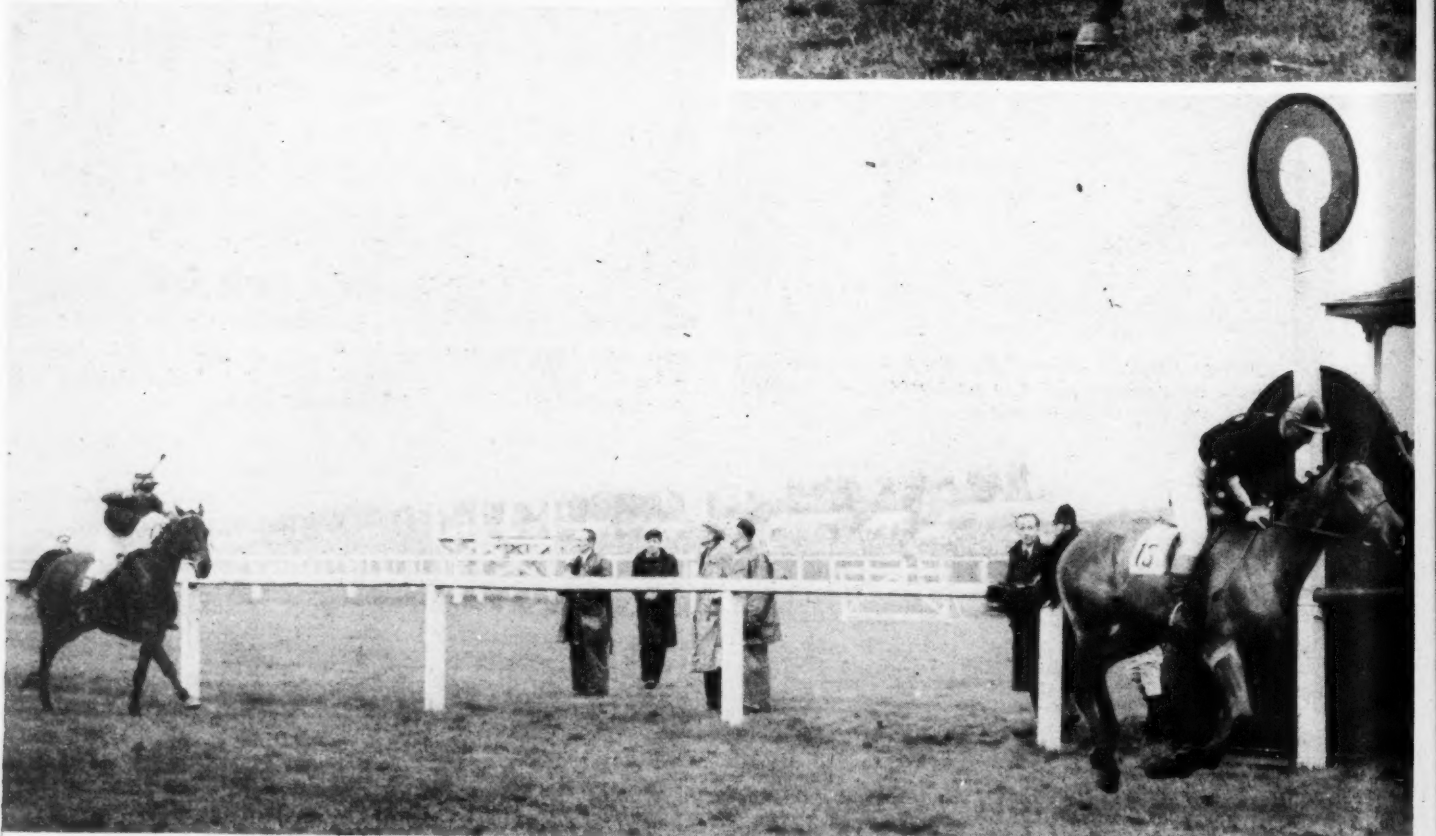
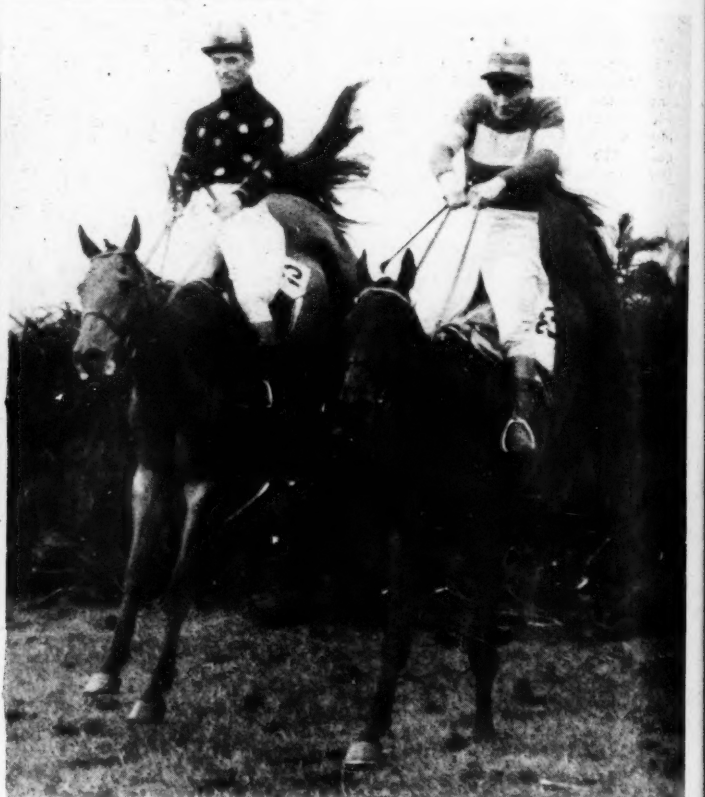
Grand National At Aintree



MELEE AT THE 1st JUMP. The 47 starters in the 1952 Grand National lost quite a few members as the large field jumped and landed over the 1st jump. It was here that the American owned St. Kathleen II came down. She was recently purchased by Sam Small.



ROYAL TAN COMES DOWN. Above is pictured Mr. R. S. O'Brien when he made his bid over the last jump, only to come a cropper. English style (at right): Teal (left) and Legal Joy jump as a pair.



THE WINNER GALLOPS UNDER THE WIRE. Harry Lane's Teal, ridden by A. P. Thompson, romped home ahead of Miss Dorothy Paget's Legal Joy and M. Soudamore. Only 10 horses out of the original field of 47 finished. Teal was clocked in 9.20-3/5, a fifth of a second over the time of the winning Bogskar in 1940 and Golden Miller in 1934.

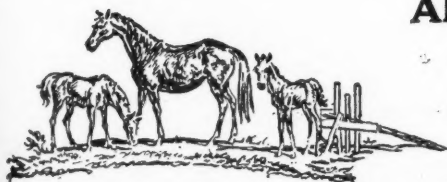
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BREEDING

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OF THE TURF



Thoroughbreds

**Jamaica Opens—Spartan Valor Closes
To Take Excelsior; Hannibal Put To
Hard Drive To Win Experimental No. 1**

Joe H. Palmer

Last year Jamaica opened on a Monday, so that the first week of the two years cannot be exactly compared. But the opener, on Tuesday this year, attracted 40,502 investors and turf consultants, against 37,607 last year. The attendance on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday averaged higher than the mid-week attendance in 1951. There was a serious loss on Saturday. In 1951 the first Saturday drew 52,110, one of the largest crowds of the New York season. This year the first Saturday was cold, miserable, rainy, with a wind I suspected of deliberate malice. When I started for the track I firmly expected to find it untenanted, except by horsemen, sportswriters, Pinkertons, and the Stevens employees, since it seemed inconceivable that anyone not paid to do so would go out in such weather. There were, however, 34,037 persons on the grounds.

This gave the first five days a total of 150,046 in attendance, against 157,805 for a roughly corresponding period last year, made up by taking the opening day, the Saturday, and three off days. The drop, then, was entirely because of the bad weather on Saturday, or, to take it one step back, because Three Rings was entered for the Excelsior. "The race tracks ought to buy that horse," one spectator observed, "at any reasonable price. They could get the money back by renting him out to Death Valley, which would presently become the world's finest garden spot." I'm not really superstitious, except of course about throwing a hat on a bed, but this horse just does cause rain. If I trained him, I'd wear a raincoat and galoshes to put his name in the entry box.

However, Jamaica's management had a thought to console themselves with on Sunday morning. On the same five-day comparison, with a loss of nearly 8,000 in attendance, the betting was \$11,491,067, against \$10,588,539 for 1951. In other words, the grief of the track over the lost 8,000 admission fees could be considerably mitigated by the addition of about \$36,000 in pari-mutuel commissions. I don't know exactly what John A. Morris thought of it, but personally, for \$36,000, 8,000 people can go to hell every day of the week.

To be a bit more serious, nothing but vile weather kept the first week at Jamaica from leaving last year's figures by a spectacular margin, and the track, if it can keep Three Rings in the barn, is sure to show a fine advance over last year's attendance and betting, and maybe over the attendance and betting in any year.

As for the racing, nothing impressed me much except Spartan Valor, and he had done in before, in Florida. He added just one item. In his ten previous races he had been in front at every call in six of them, and in three of the remaining four he had been beaten. Just once he had come from behind horses, and in that instance he was never as much as a half-length from the pace.

So the picture indicated that he was the sort of horse that couldn't come from behind. I didn't think the picture was right, and the Excelsior showed it wasn't Tripoli an

excellent horse for winning Inaugural Handicaps at Gulfstream Park but maybe not for much else, opened four lengths on the back stretch, with Spartan Valor rating amiably in second place. When it was time to go, Spartan Valor closed the gap with a rush, and he held off Greek Ship without much trouble. He's still a speed horse, of course, but he doesn't have to have the early lead.

Spartan Valor was bred by the late William Helis on the site of the old Rancocas Farm, and he's by Attention, a good race horse (he beat Whirlaway in the Classic) which has not been very successful in the stud, to which he was retired in 1945. His only other stakes winner, in fact, is a filly named Glen Arvis which won one division of the Polly Drummond Stakes in 1947 for Bobanet Stable. But Spartan Valor, now winner of nine stakes, should get him some more mares. At least Attention shows a profit for the Helis farm, for he cost \$55,000 and Spartan Valor has now won \$165,837.

The Experimental Handicap No. 1, at six furlongs, was won in a hard drive by Hannibal, a Roman colt which wintered at the Middletown, Delaware, farm of his owner, Bayard Sharp, who paid \$15,600 for him at the Keeneland sales of 1950, and has now got back \$38,525 on the investment. A furlong out it seemed that he couldn't get up, the leader then being Apheim Stable's Quiet Step, under 104 pounds. Hannibal had 119, topweight of the starting field, and he kept plugging away and won just at the end. He represents a father-and-son combination, being trained by W. L. Passmore, and ridden by his son, Bill.

The time was 1:11 3-5, which is very good at Jamaica, where most races at six furlongs have been won this spring in 1:13 or worse. Woodchuck won the Paumonok on opening day in 1:09 4-5, but nothing else has beaten or equaled Hannibal's time for the distance.

Horseplayers are perhaps a little queer at times, for they made Brookmeade Stable's Congo King favorite over Hannibal. Congo King, a gelding by Okapi, ran in his first start last year to be claimed for \$10,000. Then Cajun, later the Pimlico Futurity winner, beat him in a maiden race. Congo King won his third and last start of 1951, a maiden race at Jamaica in November. He had started once before the Experimental this year, in an allowance race at Gulfstream Park, and had won in a canter. That was the record, and Jamaica's children took him over a colt which had won two stakes at two, and had been a respectable third, beaten a length and a half, in the Hopeful behind Cousin and Tom Fool.

The Pimpernel was the disappointment of the first Experimental. For a half-mile he was in front. In the next furlong he got last. I haven't seen a horse stop so fast since Speed to Spare was around.

Every stable which had a horse in the Experimental thought enough of him to put him in at least one of the Triple Crown events, with one exception. That was the one the customers went for, Congo King.

The Time Element

**Speed Is Not the Sole Criterion of
A Good Horse, But It Is Certainly
One of the Most Important Factors**

Frank Talmadge Phelps

The steeplechase fraternity, like the English, generally pay little heed to track records. Partly this is due to a feeling that stamina and jumping ability are more important through the field than sheer speed, and partly it may be attributed to the rather indeterminate distances which prevail in the infield sport.

Yet, in steeplechasing as in any other branch of the sport, the horse that runs the required distance the swiftest wins the contest. Speed is not the sole criterion of a good horse, but it is certainly one of the most important factors.

It is interesting, therefore, to note that ten track records were established or equaled in 1951 obstacle racing. Every United States track that encourages the infield sport saw at least one record broken or matched, including Arlington and Monmouth Parks, where tests through the field were revived last year. Seven of the ten record performances took place over hurdles.

Speed champion of the steeple-

chase season was James McHugh's 9-year-old Snob Tourist. The gelding by *Tourist II—Madame Snob, by *Snob II, shattered records at both Saratoga and Aqueduct. A younger McHugh lepper, Jam, a 4-year-old gelding by Impound—Cherry Orchard, by Display, also smashed a Saratoga standard.

Carrying 143 pounds in a claiming hurdle at Saratoga on August 28, Snob Tourist moved up on the inside after the 5th jump; then tried to bear in on *Kipper. Jockey E. Phelps had to fight to keep Snob Tourist straight, but had him right in line to take the lead when *Kipper made a mistake at the last obstacle. Despite his weaving tactics, Snob Tourist completed the about 1 3-4 miles in 3:28 1-5, over a course that had had its first opportunity of the meeting to dry out thoroughly. That clipped 2-5 from the record set the year before by *Salemaker under 137 pounds.

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THE 31st SPRING MEETING

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Breeding Notes

Racing Expending Very Little For Development of New Talent Or To Encourage Steeplechasing

Easy Mark

On Wednesday, March 26, the Bowie-Laurel meeting at Laurel Park carded an 8-race program in which 73 horses participated, ridden by 40 different jockeys. No check was made to see how many different owners and trainers were represented on the card, but in the first race there were 12 starters, no horses were coupled, so the first race had 12 different trainers and owners. Nine different breeders were involved, as Mrs. Robert H. Heighe not only bred the winner Indus, a 6-year-old bay mare, by *Piping Rock—in India, by *Durbar II, but also Confection, which came in 4th, and Pal-anquin, an also ran. Thus in one race with a field of 12, 45 people were involved.

The same day Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Fla., had a card of 9 races, and Lincoln Downs, Lincoln, R. I., was running the same number of races. Other tracks that were open were Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Golden Gate Fields in Albany, California. It takes a lot of breeders, owners, trainers and jockeys to keep these tracks in operation and during the height of the racing season the good talent gets spread out pretty thin. Great horses, leading jockeys, leading trainers, and owners are an asset to any race meeting. Despite everything said about the people who put on the show, being only incidental to the pari-mutuel machine, shrewd track operators will tell you that the track which has the best racing talent always draws the most people through the entrance gate. Progressive track executives go all out to attract the best stables, riders, etc. to insure the success of their meeting.

How many trainers, riders, owners and horses it takes to run a suc-

cessful race meeting we do not know, but we are assured by the above figures that the number isn't small. On any day during the racing season you can pick up the results of the races and find a comparable set of owners, breeders, trainers, jockeys (the nucleus of racing)—the people who supply the talent which makes the wheels of the sport go around. Who develops these stars of the turf? Individuals interested in Thoroughbred racing, and they usually foot the bill out of their own pockets.

According to a TRA report there are 83 Thoroughbred racetracks in the United States with a value of \$227,000,000 ascribed to them. This is a whale of a lot of money, even in these days of deficit financing. But did you ever stop to think how much money these tracks spend in bringing in the new talent which keeps them running. The answer is comparatively little.

When one draws an analogy between other fields of the entertainment and amusement industry, the money that racing spends on new talent is ridiculously small. The sports industry of baseball will invest hundreds of thousands just signing up recruits for their teams. Often times they sink \$100,000 in one good prospect in the hope of making him a big gate attraction and a star. The farm systems they build up to give their young talent the necessary polish takes another fabulous slice of greenbacks. Professional football and ice hockey clubs set aside plenty to induce new recruits into their ranks.

The movie industry, another big competitor of sports for the money spent on entertainment in this country, will sign up numerous youngsters, pay for their training, nurse

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Snob Tourist ran "straight as a string" in an allowance hurdle for which he was assigned 134 pounds. Moving on the outside this time over a well packed turf, he outlasted *Salemaker's late charge to run the about two miles in 3:37 1-5. That chipped 3-5 from the mark established 15 months earlier by Enon under 142 pounds in the Forget Hurdle Handicap.

Snob Tourist later won the Malcolm McGiffin Cup at Rolling Rock for his fourth victory of the year, and showed behind *Triomphe and Hyvania in the New York Turf Writers Cup to prove his touch of class.

Jam, the other swift bearer of Mr. McHugh's "Yale blue, white cross sashes and sleeves," flashed his speed in an allowance hurdle at Saratoga just four days after Snob Tourist's record run at the "Spa." Toting 145 pounds, Jam ran down the pace-setter, and held off *Salemaker, Navy Gun, Quiet and Escarp to finish out the about 2 miles in 3:47 2-5. That sliced 2 1-5 seconds off the standard set the year before under the same weight by the ill-fated Boom Boom.

Earlier, Jam had captured the Belmont National Maiden Hurdle and placed back of Hyvania in the Rouge Dragon Handicap. Altogether the son of Impound scored six times last year.

Even before Snob Tourist's appear-

and publicize them until they can realize a profit on their investment, and judging from the newspaper reports, TV, the newest industry in the entertainment field, is spending money like the proverbial "drunken sailor" in developing new and interesting stars and programs.

If you have persevered thus far with this bit, you are probably asking yourself, "What has this got to do with breeding or racing?" or, "What kind of an axe has this guy got to grind?" Well, we won't beat around the bush, we have got an axe to grind and if you don't think it needs grinding, this, in our opinion, is still the freest country in the world and you still have the privilege of "telling us off."

Every year racing is the recipient of new talent in the form of apprentice jockeys, new trainers, new owners for which they have expended very little. All but a handful of the tracks have done nothing to promote and expand a division of the sport which possesses the greatest of traditions and is definitely one of the biggest pools for the encouragement of new racing talent that the game has, besides having the most spectacular appeal. Not only that—this part of the sport is looked on as a barnacle of the industry, by some short-sighted track operators and even some breeders. Yes, we are speaking about steeplechasing.

If any other of the industries, which compete for the entertainment dollar, had such a natural source of new talent you can be sure it would go all out in encouraging its development, instead of having it going around knocking at the back door for a "handout". True, there are a handful of tracks and racing associations far-sighted enough to see all the merits of steeplechasing, but most of them would not go to any added expense to promote jumping races. If they ever let this phase of racing in America die from malnutrition it will be a sad day for both racing and breeding, and the sport.

It is about time tracks and racing associations (and the states which have so much at stake in the revenue from pari-mutuel betting) start broadening their outlook. The day is over when all a racing association had to do to get into the business and stay there, was—get a state franchise, a favorable allotment of dates, acquire a track and start selling tickets. The horses, trainers, owners and jockeys always came from somewhere. To be sure, there are still plenty of horses, but the sport can always use more "good ones", plus good trainers, jockeys and substantial new owners. How much effort and money the tracks and associations are expending to get them is something that anyone connected with the sport will tell you is, "comparatively little". On top of that they are closing the door to steeplechasing, which for years has been a bulwark which has helped to produce the great sport of racing.

ance at Saratoga, the son of *Tourist II had marked up a course standard; but this one lasted only one day. At Monmouth on July 26, he negotiated a claiming hurdle of about 1 3-4 miles in 3:10 4-5, to slash 8 1-5 seconds from the record Quiet had set six days before, the first time the distance had been run at the New Jersey oval.

Next day, however, Sanford Stud Farm's Fulton cracked the new standard. Under top weight of 150 pounds in an allowance hurdle, the 4-year-old gelding by Head Play—Larkquest, by Blue Larkspur, seized the lead immediately; and outlasted a high-class field that included *Titten II, Fonda, Jam and Politician. The time was 3:08 flat, and this was the mark that went into the record books at year's end.

Fulton's five other victories last season included the Aqueduct and Saratoga National Maidens, and the Forget. The bearer of the Sanford "purple and gold stripes" also placed back of Jam in the Belmont National Maiden, and behind Hyvania in the Amagansett Hurdle.

The year's assault on the 'chasing records actually began on May 8 at Pimlico, in the second infield event of the season at the major tracks. Packing top weight of 148 pounds in an allowance 'chase, Major General Richard K. Mellon's Irish-bred *Irish Easter led nearly all the way to finish the about 2 miles in 3:47 1-5. That matched the mark set by Lieut. Well under 144 pounds in the 1948 Jervis Spencer Steeplechase Handicap.

It was the second American triumph for *Irish Easter, which had broken his maiden in this country a couple of weeks before in the William Skinner Memorial at Middleburg. The seven-year-old gelding by Young England—Easter Link, by Link Boy, captured another race later in the year; and was runner-up to his fellow-importee, *Irish Monkey, in the National Hunt Cup just four days after his record-matching performance. But *Irish Easter broke down at Belmont Park on June 11.

At that big course just a week earlier, the first erasure of an infield mark during the season had occurred; but only the date, age and weight had to be changed in the record books. A. Edward Masters' French-bred *Titten II, which had gone about 1 3-4 miles over hurdles in 3:15 flat on June 9, 1950, under 143 pounds, packed top weight of 158 pounds over the same course in 3:14 on June 4, 1951.

That was the second win in as many starts during the year for the 5-year-old son of Tornado—Philly, by Rodosto. In his third appearance of the season, he tried the hedges for the first time and copped the Meadow Brook Steeplechase Handicap. Later he annexed the Midsummer Hurdle at Monmouth; ran 2nd to Fulton in the Forget; and showed behind Hyvania and Fulton in the Amagansett. The versatile *Titten II was also a winner on the flat last season.

One of the oldest jumping records in the book, that set by Mandingham in 1941 over Delaware Park's 'chasing outside or "stake" course of about two miles, went by the boards on June 27. On that day Paul Mellon's Rokeby Stables had Genacoke at 137 pounds and Crooning Wind at 130 in the Georgetown Steeplechase Handicap. Genacoke pressed the early pace and secured the lead, only to yield it to his feather-weighted stablemate. Crooning Wind, a 5-year-old gelding by *Easton—Crooning Water, by *Queen's Guild, held off Oedipus in 3:40 4-5; 1 4-5 seconds under Mandingham's old mark. Genacoke took 3rd money, ahead of Elkridge and Tourist List, as Lone Fisherman took a tumble.

A week later Crooning Wind topped Elkridge, Tourist List and *Klipper in the Indian River Steeplechase Handicap. That was the final start of the season for the bearer of the Rokeby "gray, yellow sleeves and braid."

Two days after Crooning Wind's record-shattering performance, Arlington staged the first racing over obstacles to be seen in Chicago since the early '30's. The result of the Hunts Racing Cup, a hurdle event of about 2 miles, was therefore bound to produce a new track standard. Foxy Poise, owned, trained and ridden by Austin A. Brown, was held just off the pace for the first

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BUTLER HANDICAP (1-3/16 mi.)

With Whirlaway, second; Swing and Sway, third.

BOWIE HANDICAP (1 mi. 70 yds.)

With Pensive, second; Famous Victory, third.

HAVRE DE GRACE HANDICAP (1 1/8 mi.)

With Aonbarr, second; Pictor, third.

—And he won Questionnaire Handicap (1-1/16 mi.), and many other important races. He ran 2nd in Westchester Handicap (with Alsab 3rd), in the Queens County (with Alex Barth 3rd), in the Fall Highweight (with Doublrab 3rd), etc. He set new track record in Butler, was 1/5 off record in Havre de Grace.

Tola Rose, by Head Play—June Rose, by Myram, will stand for 1952 season for a fee of

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RIVERVIEW FARM

Shirley, Charles City County, Virginia

Vignette of the Half-Milers

Saga of People and Horses At Half-Mile Tracks Still Creates Interest; Outsiders Often Underestimate Their Ability

Sandrock

The horses were entering the paddock for the third race on the last day of a half-mile meeting, and as they slowly rambled past with their groomers plodding alongside, I took a look-see before placing my bet.

I was especially interested in one horse. He was a tall, rangy, grey, very much on the leggy side, and his tight condition did nothing to improve his appearance. He moved along with a gait reminiscent of a tug boat on the high seas. His right front leg was particularly noticeable, for the low bow he sported made this appendage seem like an inverted piano leg, and thrown into the bargain was the sad fact that both ankles were just about double their original size. This was a veteran of many racing wars. But perhaps the most striking thing about this grey was his head—a direct throwback to the desert Arabian.

Pondering over the past fortunes of this grey, I had my thoughts interrupted by the entrance into the paddock of the last horse. He would have caught the eye of any horsemen. Moving along with a springy stride on legs, clean as the day he was foaled, this gleaming red bay was the kind of horse that wins model classes in the show ring. What was he doing at a half-mile?

I hastily glanced down at my program and then opened the form to the third race. On paper these two horses were most interesting and almost as directly opposite as in physical appearance. The bay was a 7-year-old son of a top stallion and from one of the best producing families, while the grey, also 7, didn't have pedigree one to brag about.

The bay had been running at the milers, with some success, had worked, not too often, but at least fast, while the grey had been away from the races for the past two years and had no speed trials. Neither had started at the meeting and the odds were just about the same on the two.

Then saddle up—and the trainers took over. It just so happened that I was across from the big bay's stall and had a good view of the following proceedings. The trainer, a dapper little man, perfectly turned out, was just the direct opposite of his fellow tradesmen on the half-milers.

The big horse impatient to be off nervously threw his head and moved from side to side, accentuating the movements with a rapid tattoo of kicks against the wall behind him. Avoiding the horse's playfulness, the trainer moved easily saddling the racer. Finally pulling tight the overdraw, he turned to speak with a well dressed man standing in the front of the stall.

When the jocks entered the paddock, I spotted the rider of the bay. You couldn't miss him for he stood out from among his fellow reinsmen like a lighthouse on a sandy beach. His silks of brilliant red with white cross sashes were immaculate as compared with the mud stained, grimy gear of his comrades.

When this saddlesmith approached his mount, the trainer of the bay, turned from his companion and walked to the side of the stall. He spoke to the jock and drew him to the side of the stall and talked to him quietly.

When the call went out, riders up, the trainer gave his boy a leg up, and as the reinsman settled himself into the saddle, he gave a knowing wink to the trainer. That was the pay off. What better would need more?

As the bay moved out of the stall, I turned and made my way to the mutuels and purchased two tickets. With the two "cards" in my hand, I forced my way among the patrons to the rail just as the horses moved out on the muddy track.

The bay was dancing along sideways with his neck bowed, mane waving, while the sun played hide and seek on his sleek hide. The grey at the opposite end of the post

parade moved along with the indifference that a cow maintains while being milked.

After a few minutes the horses were loaded into the gate and the clang of the bell shattered the hush of the crowd and the cry "they're off" lifted from the mass. I caught a blur of brilliant red on the front end as I turned and walked to the window and laid my tickets on the ledge. Outside the roar of the crowd sounded like a pack of curs hot on the trail of a 5th avenue cat. Then with a thundering of hooves the tumult died.

The window snapped open and the cashier picked up my tickets and counted out the cash to me. As I stepped outside, pocketing the crisp green, the winner was just being led back to the barn. Even though spattered with mud that grey Arab head was held proudly.

The bay—he ran last in the field of five. He had been shipped into the meeting to pick up an easy one. His connections had underestimated the ability of the horses on the half-milers and hadn't found a snap at all. They found out the hard way that you can't beat the hometown boys on their own tracks.

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circuit of the course; then moved up to wear down the pace-setter and prevail in 4:10 2-5 under top weight of 165 pounds.

It was the fourth triumph and last appearance of the year for Foxy Poise. Previously the 8-year-old gelding by Gallant Fox—Requip, by Equipoise, had acquired the Oxmoor Steeplechase at Louisville.

The revival of hurdle racing at Monmouth in midsummer involved contests at two distances: About 1 1-2 miles and about 1 3-4 miles. How Fulton wound up with the track standard for the longer distance has already been described.

Two days later, on July 31, Maryador, owned and trained by Morris H. Dixon, Sr., ran off by 12 lengths with an allowance hurdle over the shorter route and carried the record with her. The 4-year-old daughter of Challador—Mary Nymph, by Abbot's Nymph, toted bottom weight of 130 pounds over the distance in 2:39 flat. That snipped 1 1-5 seconds from the mark set the week before by Manchon under 140 pounds.

It was Maryador's maiden triumph over the jumps, although she had previously scored in flat races at the hunt meetings. Later the bearer of Mr. Dixon's "blue, white cross sashes, blue-and-white striped sleeves, blue cap," added another hurdle decision to her season's record.

Once Snob Tourist had gotten the attack on the Saratoga jumping records under way, others carried on the assault; and two other Spa infield standards fell within a span of four days.

On August 30, two days after Snob Tourist's achievement and the day before Jam's flash of speed, Montpeller's home-bred Hampton Roads, ridden by young Ray Woolfe, Jr., made up ground after the 8th barrier to defeat with ease Lone Fisherman, Oedipus, Tourist List, Cherwell and phiblant in the Saratoga Steeplechase Handicap. The 8-year-old gelding by Annapolis from the English stake winner *Lady Noel, by Gainsborough, carried 140 pounds over the about 2 1-2 miles in 5:05 3-5. That knocked a full second off the previous standard set by Sun Bath under 149 pounds in the 1949 renewal of the same feature.

Later in the year, Hampton Roads seized the Noel Lalng Steeplechase at Mrs. Marion duPont Scott's Montpeller for his third triumph of the season. The bearer of Montpeller's "French blue, old rose and silver cross sashes," also placed behind Oedipus in the Beverwyck Chase Handicap and back of Navy Gun in the Manly.



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THE BLACK-EYED SUSAN \$20,000 added

1 1/4th miles. 3-year-old fillies.

Saturday, May 10

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THE PREAKNESS PREP. \$10,000 added

1 1/8th miles. 3-year-olds.

Monday, May 12

Nomination fee \$20.00

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PRIMARY DAY

HANDICAP - - - - - \$10,000 added

5 1/2 furlongs. A Handicap for 3-year-olds and up.

Monday, May 5

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Adaptable Wins Over Timber

Former Stakes Winner Over Brush Makes Initial Outing Over Timber At Deep Run; Clark Color-bearers Score Over Brush

Nancy G. Lee

"Adaptable, a 6-year-old son of *Blenheim II, was hardly bred for steeplechasing. His dam is the granddam of Polynesian, and Adaptable thus has the fashionable pedigree of a flat horse." The above was included in the review of steeplechasing for 1947 in American Race Horses. This was the year War Battle was the 'chaser of the year and Adaptable, then a 6-year-old, had earned \$43,900, part of which money was gleaned in a winning effort in the Grand National at Belmont.

Going postward as a 3-year-old in 1944, Adaptable has not missed a year's running since and has banked a total of \$121,554 for his efforts. Last year he only started twice and this past winter he turned toward the hunting field at Radnor Hunt Club. Under the reins of Bernard Houghton the now 11-year-old gelding followed hounds and the decision was made to start him over timber. His first outing was on April 5 at the Deep Run Hunt Race Association's meeting at Richmond, Va. when he faced Starter Harry Plumb in the company of 7 other timber horses.

Timber horses never know about weights around 110 or 120, they are in the high brackets so that the 150 to 165 pounds for the Deep Run Hunt Cup made some trainers scurry back to the stables to get lead. This caused a slight delay in the horses leaving the paddock but finally everyone met the requirements of the scales and the field moved through the crowd toward the starting point.

Backing up to what would be the 9th jump, the horses were soon off with Mr. C. C. Jelke streaking away on Miss Lou Howard's Tagnall, closely followed by Mr. Sidney Culver on Henry Lewis, 3rd's Jordan which this year has won 3 straight point-to-points. By the stands the 1st and 2nd jumps are rather close but the leaders remained the same, the horses landing well and galloping toward the turn and the approach to the 3rd. Here the first 5 over were Tagnall, Jordan, R. S. Reynolds, Jr.'s Forest Hare, Mrs. Alan M. Scaife's Tourist Dream and Mrs. Madeline S. Leaf's Tri-Socks.

Seldom does one see a field of timber horses run so well bunched and the rather tricky 6th jump on this course daunted the riders none and they crowded over it in a group. The leading Tagnall swerved slightly but was quickly brought back to the front by Mr. Jelke. Cyrus Manierre's Charoton, a two-time winner of the Rokeby Bowl at the Piedmont Point-to-Point, had been trailing the field up to this point but Jockey O. A. Brown began to move him closer into the pack. After the 8th with just one more jump to go for a complete turn of the course, the order was still Tagnall, Jordan, Forest Hare and Tourist Dream, with veteran Jockey B. Ansteatt now moving up on the former brush horse, Walter F. Wickes, Jr.'s Big Bones.

One turn of the course finished, the 8 horses still had to negotiate 9 more jumps and over the 10th in front of the stands, Tagnall and Jordan were being closed in on by Big Bones with Tri-Socks, Happy Hill Farm's Adaptable, Tourist Dream, Forest Hare and Charoton following. Mr. Culver had not made a bid to take over the pace, letting Tagnall handle this part of the race until the pair landed over the 14th. Jordan landed well and began to open up, to get several lengths between him and a now tiring Tagnall but in 5th position and running strongly was Adaptable. Jockey A. P. "Paddy" Smithwick evidently decided he had been in the pack long enough and it was time to get closer to the front.

Big Bones moved in behind the leading Jordan over the 15th with Tri-Socks 3rd and Adaptable 4th and then the field as a whole moved rapidly downhill, around the turn

and into the 16th, taking this one well bunched up. Who tore the 17th down? Opinions varied but a post and two sections were flat on the ground. Jordan was still on top with Adaptable now 2nd and there was only a turn, the 18th and last before the stretch drive.

Jordan held 3-4 of a length advantage over Adaptable at the final jump and as the two horses raced down the slight incline, Jockey Smithwick came up on Adaptable and passed Jordan. Mr. Culver was not caught napping and sent Jordan to the front again but Jockey Smithwick went for his bat and the former stakes winning brush horse proved that he still had the speed which had sent him into the winner's circle in other races. Responding strongly, Adaptable again went to the front and came under the wire to win by 2 1-2 lengths ahead of Jordan. Back of these two there was still a horse race. Jockey C. Cassidy on Forest Hare and Jockey E. H. Bennett on Tourist Dream really battled it out in the stretch with the former getting up to finish 3rd by a nose.

Happy Hill Farm had started off the day in good fashion as Jockey E. Jackson rode *Sonatine to annex The Broad Rock, about 1 1-2 miles over hurdles. Mrs. Cordelia S. May's Billing Bear and Jockey J. Murphy took over the early pace setting duties with Bruce Noland's Vetoed getting off right behind this pair. However, approaching the 2nd hurdle, Jockey O. A. Brown took the wrong course on Vetoed and had to circle the mare toward the 6th timber jump to stop her. The field meantime, raced downhill toward the 3rd and Vetoed was not brought back into contention. *Sonatine went out to set the pace and was followed closely by Billing Bear and Walter F. Wickes, Jr.'s Deep Six. The imported mare by Magister—Serenade 4th was not to be headed and over the 8th and last hurdle, a 1 1-2 length gap separated her from Mrs. Henry Obre's *Coup-De-Vite which was some 3 lengths in front of Billing Bear.

Around the turn and into the stretch, *Sonatine increased her advantage to win by 5 1-2 lengths, *Coup-De-Vite placing 6 lengths ahead of J. D. McCaffrey's Brimful which had covered ground rapidly in the final stages, Trainer J. V. H. Davis was the trainer of the first two horses under the wire.

F. Ambrose Clark's Sundance Kid and Mrs. Jacques Jenney's Fie Milady delayed the start in the 4-horse field for The Malvern Hill, about 2 miles over brush but Jockey S. Riles kept an eye on the tape and was away first on the Clark color-bearer. Sundance Kid led Fie Milady over the 1st jump with R. K. Mellon's Trout Brook putting in a big one with Jockey R. Harris in the saddle.

Jockey C. V. B. Cushman and Fie Milady took over the pace between the 1st and 2nd and led over the liverpool, which was the 3rd jump on the course. Sundance Kid and Fie Milady jumped head and head over the 4th but over the 5th, Fie Milady jumped badly and bobbed upon landing. Jockey Cushman pulled her together sharply and held onto the place position over the 6th. Downhill toward the 7th, the English rider, R. Harris, brought Trout Brook in behind Sundance Kid as the pair raced toward that jump, a dog came out on the course to bark madly at the horses. This gave the patrol judges a few anxious moments until they got rid of the unwelcome visitor.

Trout Brook and Sundance Kid jumped the 7th and 8th as a pair with Fie Milady now jumping quite badly. At the 9th, the liverpool, Fie Milady moved into 2nd and Jockey O. A. Brown came off as My Chris refused. The race now settled down between Sundance Kid and Trout Brook and these two battled

it out, really opening up coming into the 13th and final jump. Sundance Kid led over this one by a nose but Trout Brook went wide, losing valuable ground. Fie Milady went down but neither she nor Jockey Cushman were hurt. Streaking after Sundance Kid, Jockey Harris brought Trout Brook to within 1 1-2 lengths of the leader as the Clark horse won.

In 1950 F. A. Clark's Lone Fisherman won The Richmond Plate, about 2 miles over brush and last year had a repeat victory with Flying Wing. On Saturday, with the other 3 horses scratched, Jockey S. Riles merely had to gallop Mr. Clark's The Creek up the stretch for a walk-over. This was the first time in Trainer F. Bellhouse's career that he had saddled a horse for such an event.

Enthusiasm runs high in Richmond for the two flat races for members of recognized hunts. Six horses went postward for the Deep Run Hunter's Race, heavyweight division. A local "feud" between owners-riders T. E. Gilman and R. B. Keeley put a keen edge on the event. Mr. Gilman soon went to the front on his 8-year-old mare, Ginger, closely pursued by Mr. Keeley on the 4-year-old grey filly, Moomaw. Out in the country the second time around in the about 2-mile race on the flat, Ginger opened up but Mr. Keeley came on again with Moomaw in the stretch. Ginger proved to be the winning bet and won easily, Moomaw placing ahead of Mr. Lloyd R. Baker on his Glaptope.

Ginger, a daughter of Economic-Epique, by Equipoise, has been away from the tracks since 1946 and the records indicate that she was still a maiden when her racing career was completed. Not knowing just how much speed he would have to pit against Mr. Keeley and Moomaw, Mr. Gilman put Ginger into a trailer and headed for Charles Town. The mare started on March 22 in a \$2,000 claiming event at 1 1-16 miles and the chart reads, "...was drawing away" at the finish. His curiosity sated, Mr. Gilman put her in the trailer and headed for Richmond to await the race on April 5.

Between the heavyweight and lightweight races, 6 horses came out on the course for The Strawberry Hill, about 6 furlongs on the flat. E. C. Cunningham's Pricetown and Sidney Culver's *High Road were a bit skeptical about getting too close to the elastic starting tape and held up the proceedings for awhile. Jockey E. Carter brought *High Road to the inside and just as they jogged toward the tape, the field was off, Jockey A. P. Smithwick and R. K. Mellon's Arctic Fox getting the bad end of the deal.

*High Road left on top but Jockey E. Phelps soon was setting the pace on Walter F. Wickes, Jr.'s Bronze Wing. Approaching the half-mile mark, Jockey Carter was leading, followed by Jockey B. Ansteatt on Mrs. Wickes' Rank with Arctic Fox a close 3rd. *High Road withstood the bid of Arctic Fox entering the stretch and then drew away to win by 4 1-2 lengths, Arctic Fox placing 3 lengths ahead of Bronze Wing.

A small field of 4 appeared for the lightweight division for foxhunters. Hapblematic, the 16-year-old black gelding which has been entered in just about everything the hunt meetings have to offer, had his owners, Mrs. Leon Greenaway in the saddle, Mrs. Aldrich Dudley, Jr. and her Secret Son broke on top but Mr. Sidney Culver riding R. E. Dole's Charade, saved ground by staying on the inside around the first turn. Out in the country Hapblematic was still leading but coming downhill, Charade moved to the front. By the stands Charade was galloping easily but Hapblematic was still within striking distance with Secret Son 3rd and Mr. John Glave and Hill a trailing 4th. Around the course and back to the downhill spot, Mrs. Greenaway took advantage of the slope to send Hapblematic up on terms with Charade. She held the inside position in the stretch drive but couldn't close the gap as Charade moved out to win by 4 lengths.

SUMMARIES

BROAD ROCK, abt. 1 1/2 mi., hurdles, 3 & up. Purse, \$500. Net value to winner, \$325; 2nd, \$100; 3rd, \$50; 4th, \$25. Winner: ch. f. (5) by Magister—Serenade IV, by Hydromel. Trainer: J. V. H. Davis. Breeder: Marcel le Baron (Fr.). Time: 2:36.

1. *Sonatine, (Happy Hill Farm), 145, E. Jackson, (3-29-52, Cam., flat, 2nd)

2. *Coup-De-Vite, (Mrs. Henry Obre), 147, E. Carter, (11-3-51, F. H., flat, 5th)
3. Brimful, (J. D. McCaffrey), 139, R. L. Leaf, (10-20-51, Med., brush, fell)
4. Springdale, (W. F. Wickes, Jr.), 135, E. Phelps, (9-13-51, Mar., flat, 4th)
5. Billing Bear, (Mrs. Cordelia S. May), 136, J. Murphy, (3-29-52, Cam., hurdles, 6th)
6. Deep Six, (W. F. Wickes, Jr.), 148, B. Ansteatt, (11-20-48, Mtp., flat, 6th)
7. Halcyon Spain, (C. C. Jelke), 156, Mr. C. C. Jelke, (3-29-52, Cam., hurdles, 7th)
Vetoed, (Bruce Noland), 142, O. A. Brown, (7-5-51, C. T., flat, 9th)

*Sonatine was sent right out to set the pace, held her contention safely throughout to win easily. *Coup-De-Vite was rated off the early pace, was moved up after the mile mark and showed speed in the final stages. Brimful passed tiring horses in the stretch drive. Springdale improved position in final stages. Billing Bear was up early. Deep Six showed early speed. Halcyon Spain was never a factor. Vetoed was in contention when rider lost course approaching 2nd. Scratched: Bronze Wing.

MALVERN HILL, abt. 2 mi., brush, 4 & up, non-winners. Purse, \$500. Net value to winner, \$325; 2nd, \$100. Winner: ch. g. (4) by Gallahadon—Lask, by Bull Lea. Trainer: F. Bellhouse. Breeder: North Cliff Farm. Time: 4:12-5.

1. Sundance Kid, (F. Ambrose Clark), 143, S. Riles, (10-3-51, Lig., brush, ran out)
2. Trout Brook, (R. K. Mellon), 151, R. Harris, (3-29-52, Cam., hurdles, 4th)
Fie Milady, (Mrs. J. Jenney), 146, C. V. B. Cushman, (3-15-51, Cam., hurdles, 4th)
My Chris, (La Salle Stables), 151, O. A. Brown, (10-25-51, Lrl., flat, 10th)

Sundance Kid took over after the 4th, successfully withstood bid from Trout Brook to win driving. Trout Brook was almost on even terms over last jump but went wide, losing ground. Fie Milady fell at the 13th. My Chris refused at the 9th and lost rider. No scratches.

DEEP RUN HUNT CUP, abt. 3 mi., timber, 4 & up. Purse, \$500. Net value to winner, \$325; 2nd, \$100; 3rd, \$50; 4th, \$25. Winner: b. g. (11) by *Blenheim II—Black Queen, by Pompey. Trainer: A. C. Stokes. Breeder: Elmendorf Farm, Inc. Time: 6:13.

1. Adaptable, (Happy Hill Farm), 165, A. P. Smithwick, (5-11-51, Pim., brush, 7th)
2. Jordan, (Henry Lewis, 3rd), 155, Mr. S. Culver, (3-29-52, Blue Ridge Pt.-to-Pt., 1st)
3. Forest Hare, (R. S. Reynolds, Jr.), 155, C. Cassidy, (3-15-52, Cam., timber, fell)
4. Tourist Dream, (Mrs. A. M. Scaife), 163, E. H. Bennett, (3-29-52, Cam., timber, 3rd)
5. Big Bones, (W. F. Wickes, Jr.), 165, B. Ansteatt, (3-29-52, Cheshire Pt.-to-Pt., ladies' race, 7th)
Charoton, (Cyrus Manierre), 165, O. A. Brown, (3-9-52, Rappahannock Pt.-to-Pt., lost rider)
7. Tagnall, (Mary L. Howard), 160, Mr. C. C. Jelke, 4-14-51, D. R., timber, 5th
8. Tri-Socks, (Mrs. M. S. Leaf), 150, R. L. Leaf, 3-29-52, Cheshire Bowl Pt.-to-Pt., 5th)

Adaptable raced easily behind the pace setters until after the 14th when he began to move up. He challenged the leading Jordan to pass him in the stretch drive. The latter raced well up throughout, assuming the lead over the 15th but could not withstand bid in final stages. Forest Hare showed an even effort throughout and gained ground in the stretch drive. Tourist Dream raced evenly. Big Bones lost ground in the final stages. Charoton showed an even effort. Tagnall established pace until after 14th. Tri-Socks raced well up until after 2 1/2-mile mark. Scratched: Mr. Mars.

RICHMOND PLATE, abt. 2 mi., brush, 4 & up. Purse, \$1,000. Net value to winner, \$500. Winner: ch. g. (5) by Hyperion—In The Rough, by Fairway. Trainer: F. Bellhouse. Breeder: W. P. Chrysler.

1. The Creek, (F. Ambrose Clark), 138, S. Riles, (3-29-52, Cam., brush, 3rd)
The Creek galloped up the stretch for a walk-over. Scratched: *Alfior, Crown Royal, *McGinty Moore.

DEEP RUN HUNTER'S RACE, heavyweight div., abt. 2 mi., flat, for hunters. Weight, 185 lbs. minimum. Silver trophy to winner. Winner: ch. m. (8) by Economic-Epique, by Equipoise. Trainer: Owner. Breeder: Breckinridge Long. Time: 3:46.

1. Ginger, (T. E. Gilman), Mr. T. E. Gilman
2. Moomaw, (Full Stream Farm), Mr. R. B. Keeley
3. Glaptope, (L. R. Baker), Mr. L. R. Baker
4. Gold Baron, (Leon Greenaway), Mr. L. Greenaway
5. Miss Alsie, (R. S. Reynolds, Jr.), Mr. W. Lybrook
6. David, (E. C. Sommerville), Mr. L. R. Sommerville

STRAWBERRY HILL, abt. 6 f., 3 & up. Purse, \$400. Net value to winner, \$260; 2nd, \$80; 3rd, \$40; 4th, \$20. Winner: b. g. (7) by Hyperion—Old Melody 2nd, by *Sir Gallahad III. Trainer: Mrs. D. N. Lee. Breeder: J. H. Whitney. Time: 1:21-2-5.

1. *High Road, (Sidney Culver), 146, E. Carter, (11-17-51, Mtp., brush, 1st)
2. Arctic Fox, (R. K. Mellon), 150, A. P. Smithwick, (3-29-52, Cam., flat, 2nd)
3. Bronze Wing, (W. F. Wickes, Jr.), 141, E. Phelps, (5-26-51, Har., flat, 2nd)
4. Due West, (Lee Clapp), 146, D. Rhoads, (6-2-51, Bel., flat, 7th)
5. Rank, (Mrs. W. F. Wickes, Jr.), 143, B. Ansteatt, (8-15-51, Sar., brush, 7th)
6. Pricetown, (E. C. Cunningham), 136, O. Hooker, (6-30-51, C. T., flat, 9th)

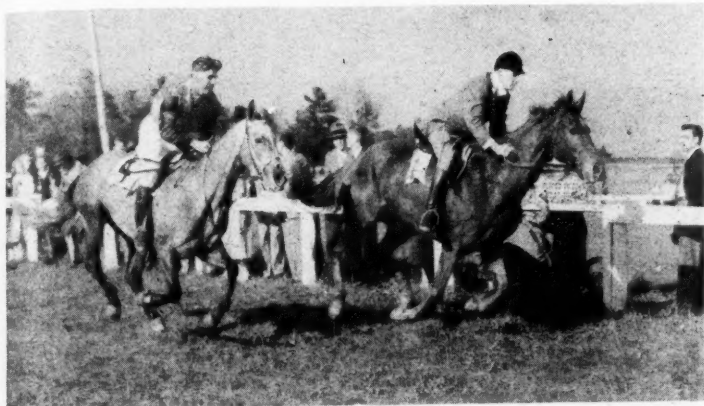
*High Road left the pack first but was restrained until after the half-mile mark. Sent to the front, he raced well to win easily. Arctic Fox, off to a bad start, gamely made up ground to finish strongly. Bronze Wing showed early speed. Due West was never a factor. Rank was up early. Pricetown trailed throughout. Scratched: *Coup-De-Vite, Deep Six, *Solar Count, Halcyon Spain.

DEEP RUN HUNTER'S RACE, lightweight div., abt. 2 mi., flat, for hunters. Catch weights. Silver trophy to winner. Winner: dk. b. m. (6) by Buntly Lawless—Gallantia, by Gallant Fox. Trainer: Owner. Breeder: E. P. Taylor. Time: 3:49-2-5.

1. Charade, (R. E. Dole), Mr. S. Culver
2. Hapblematic, (Mrs. L. Greenaway), Mrs. L. Greenaway
3. Secret Son, (Mrs. Aldrich Dudley, Jr.), Mrs. A. Dudley, Jr.
4. Hill, (John Glave), John Glave

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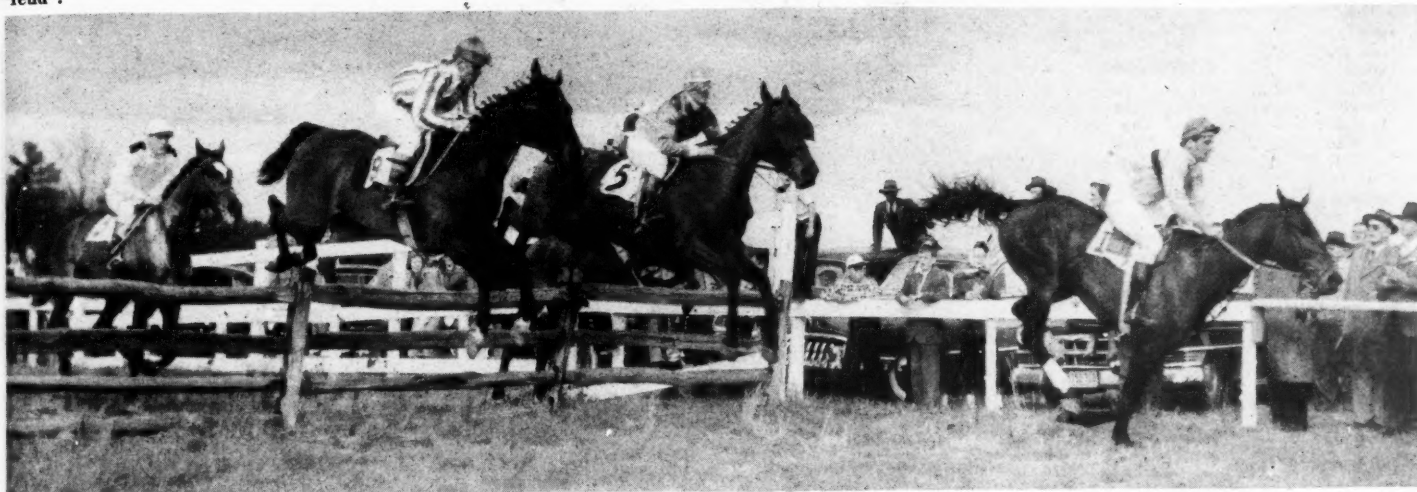
Hunt Meeting At Deep Run



DEEP RUN HUNTER'S RACE, heavyweight division. Mr. T. E. Gilman and his Ginger showed the way to Mr. R. B. Keeley on his Moomaw to settle a "feud".



BROAD ROCK. Happy Hill Farm's *Sonatine and Jockey E. Jackson (far left) led over the above hurdle and they held the winning spot at the finish.



DEEP RUN HUNT CUP. Following the 4 leaders is the eventual winner, Happy Hill Farm's Adaptable with Jockey A. P. Smithwick up. Tagnall leads over this jump, followed by Jordan (No. 5), Tri-Socks (No. 9) and Big Bones is to the left of Jordan.



MALVERN HILL. F. Ambrose Clark's Sundance Kid was ridden by Jockey S. Riles to annex the about 2-mile event over brush. In behind them for 2nd was Jockey R. Harris on R. K. Mellon's Trout Brook.



STRAWBERRY HILL. Jockey E. Carter led the way on Sidney Culver's *High Road to chalk up a victory over R. K. Mellon's Arctic Fox.



DEEP RUN HUNTER'S RACE, lightweight division. Mr. S. Culver turned in a winning ride on R. E. Dole's Charade with the veteran Hapblematic 2nd.

Horse Show Performers



TANK CORPS, with Miss Eva Taverna up in a west coast performance at the start of the 1952 season. (Cosner Photo)



MISS MARJORIE HAINES, on the Flying Dutchman being congratulated by Maj. Gen. Guy V. Henry, U.S.A. retired. (Arnold Weiner Photo)



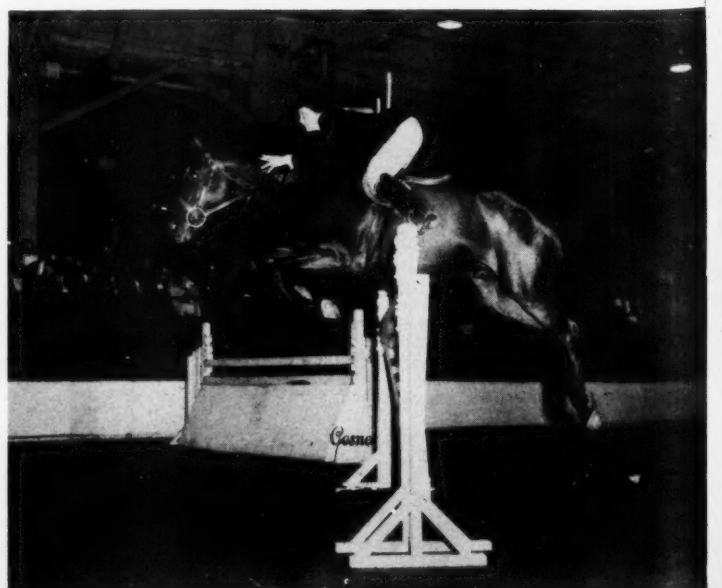
GOLD LODGE, Miss Helen Ferguson up, won the conformation hunter championship at the Mid-South Horse Show, Southern Pines—Pinehurst, N. C. (Emerson Humphrey Photo)



RED ROGUE, Owner-rider Miss Carol Ballinger up. This combination won the lady or amateur hunter class at the San Diego County Fair.



RENOWN, Ed Daniels up, took home the working hunter championship at the Mid-South Horse Show. (Emerson Humphrey Photo)



DUFFY MALONE won the hunter champion at the Riverside Co. Fair, Indio, Cal., this year with 16-year-old Miss Shirley Hubble up.

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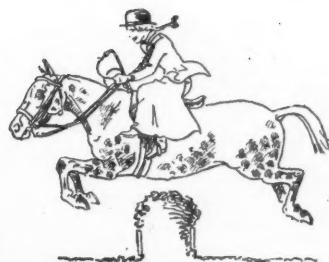
Horse Shows

WEEKLY NEWS

FROM THE

Nancy G. Lee

SHOW CIRCUITS



Barbara Worth Stables

Despite one of the worst storms in years with gales up to 70 miles per hour, the Barbara Worth Stables put on their annual March Horse Show.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to the youngsters' equitation classes with Miss Paula West winning the over 12 and Miss Walleen Grondona taking the 12 and under event and model showmanship, a class with much to be said in its favor. The youngsters are judged for their ability to show a horse to its best advantage.

Saturday night brought better weather, larger attendance and different horses in the winner's circle. The hurry scurry was an exciting climax to the show with Red Rogue, owned and ridden by Miss Carol Ballinger, placing on top with 23 seconds flat. This 17-hand chestnut gelding is a top contender in middle and heavyweight hunter classes and a handy big horse around a hurry scurry course.

SHOW CORRESPONDENT

Betty Nelson

PLACE: Sacramento, Calif.
TIME: March 14-15.
JUDGE: Eldon Fairbanks.

SUMMARIES

Open hunters—1. Duffy Malone, C. L. Hubble; 2. Tank Corps, Eva Taverna; 3. Wise Woman, Dorothy Cavitt; 4. Sir John Edwin, Nancy Danielson.
Jumpers—1. Golden Torch, Sam Brown; 2. Cody, Veta Purlington; 3. Why Not, Carol Summers; 4. Yellow Fever, Pat Sewall.
Road hacks—1. Notorious, Paula West; 2. Tejon, Patsy Barr; 3. Sir John Edwin; 4. Duffy Malone.
Hurry scurry—1. Golden Torch; 2. Why Not; 3. Red Rogue, Carol Ballinger; 4. Coon Dog, C. L. Hubble.
Green hunters—1. Happy Houligan, Jessica Cavitt; 2. Pinches Ace, Jackie Shaw; 3. Omo, Barbara Worth Stables; 4. Sally, Barbara Worth Stables.
Seat and hands, over jumps, 18 and over—1. Patsy Barr; 2. Bobby Swanson; 3. Osella King; 4. Windy Smith; 5. Paula West.
English equitation, 12 and under—1. Walleen Grondona; 2. Bobbie Swanson; 3. Cora Bell Swanson.
English equitation, 12 to 16 years—1. Paula West; 2. Patsy Barr; 3. Windy Smith; 4. Osella King.
Model showmanship—1. Walleen Grondona; 2. Marilyn Harris; 3. Paula West; 4. Windy Smith; 5. Bert Swanson.
Handy working hunter—1. Tank Corps; 2. Spare Time, Dr. Mathilde Carpy; 3. Tejon; 4. My Way.
Model hunters—1. Duffy Malone; 2. Notorious; 3. Red Rogue; 4. Whatta Dandy, Eva Taverna.
Jumpers—1. Yellow Fever; 2. Spare Time; 3. Golden Torch; 4. Skeeter, Jack Pattison.
Hurry scurry—1. Red Rogue; 2. Wampus Kitty, Paula West; 3. Smuggler, Beverly Kaminsky; 4. Coon Dog.

Cleveland Riding and Driving Club 6th Schooling

Interest of exhibitors and spectators at the Schooling Shows held at The Cleveland Riding and Driving Club is centered on Clover, a lovely chestnut from Benjamin Westfall Farms, Stockridge, Mich.

In training less than two months, this open jumper has developed to a remarkable degree under the capable hands of Bob Motch. Although competing with experienced jumpers, Clover has already annexed 4 blue ribbons and 1 red.

The 6th Schooling Show was sponsored by the Metropolitan Horse Association. Two active members, Mrs. Adele Parker and Capt. George Prujan, provided amusement for the crowd with some of their antics on horseback. Both have colorful riding histories. Capt. Prujan's experiences on a 1600-mile horseback ride across Russia and Asia at the close of World War I and Mrs. Parker's as a member of Buffalo Bill's riders, would provide plenty of material for a best seller.

Several jump offs were necessary in the 3'-6" division of the open jump and also the triple bar. In both classes, Clover was pinned with the blue.

The 4'-0" division of these classes also required several jump offs. Entry, a new horse belonging to H. L. Reynolds, arrived just in time to take the blue in each class with Miss Susie Creech riding.

SHOW CORRESPONDENT

Kathryn Hubbell

PLACE: Shaker Heights, Ohio.
TIME: March 23.
JUDGE: Basil Kinney.

SUMMARIES

Children's hunters, 11 yrs. and under, 2' 6" to 3'-0"—1. Petrucca, Laddie Andahazy, Jr.; 2. Eky Ebony, Diane Baxter; 3. St. Louie, Molly O'Neill; 4. Boots, Kathie O'Neill.
Pairs—1. The Lat, H. L. Reynolds; Summer's Dawn, Squeakie Lindley; 2. Lady Grey, Mary Jane Deering; Holladay, Trudie Gronbach; 3. St. Louie, Ginny Dare, Peg Conway; 4. Briar, Virginia Gemmill; Norwood, Jean Gibbs.
Working hunter—1. Lady Grey; 2. The Lat; 3. Pink Whiskers, Fox Run Stables; 4. Cherokee, Chester Burnett.
Musical chairs—1. William Lake; 2. Tom Rohr; 3. Kathy O'Neill; 4. Sue Trofimar.
Road hacks, school owned—1. Todd, Sue Trofimar; 2. Boots, Josie Wilson; 3. Jeff, William Lake; 4. Sparky, Ruth Cunningham.
Road hacks, privately owned—1. Pink Whiskers; 2. Virginia Belle, Tom Rohr; 3. The Lat; 4. Briar.
Metropolitan horse assn. classes—1. Parker's Ranch; 2. Andrews School.
Open jumpers, 3'-6"—1. Clover, Benjamin Westfall Farm; 2. Lady Grey; 3. Chandler Boy, Barbara Betzold; 4. VPI Star, Glib Moritz.
Open jumpers, 4'-0"—1. Entry, H. L. Reynolds; 2. Cherokee; 3. The Mole, H. L. Reynolds; 4. Checkerberry, Mrs. C. M. Baxter.
Triple bar, 3'-6"—1. Clover; 2. Orlawn, Chester Barnett; 3. War Actress, Mr. Keller; 4. Holladay.
Triple bar, 4'-6"—1. Entry, H. L. Reynolds; 2. More Bounce, Steve Licker; 3. Cherokee; 4. Samson, Jean Gibbs.

Ox Ridge Hunt Indoor

It was really George Morris' day at the Ox Ridge Hunt Club Junior Show. Late in the afternoon he rode into the ring to be awarded the championship in the horsemanship division. Another tri-color was then pinned on his good looking chestnut, Game Cock, as the champion horse of the show. Reserve in the horsemanship ranks was Miss Glenna Lee Maduro.

In the hack and hunter division a dark horse came through to be pinned reserve. Dixie, a little brown mare owned by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ward, carried Miss Barbara Kellam to several ribbons in horsemanship, won bridle path hacks, 15 hands and under, and with a very businesslike performance, took home the blue for working hunters, 15 1-2 hands and under.

Just over a year ago the Wards decided to make Connecticut their permanent home and had Dixie shipped east from Oregon. Nothing was

said about the fact that the little mare was such a good jumper, but somehow Otto Heuckeroth and Miss Kellam found out. They asked the Wards to enter the mare in the show, gave her a round or two for schooling the day before the show and wound up with the reserve championship. Mr. Ward's name is probably familiar to The Chronicle readers as the illustrator of Walter Farley's The Black Stallion.

No write-up of this show could be complete without mention of the winning round in the teams of two hunters. With George Morris setting a perfect pace on Game Cock and with Miss Maduro judging spacing and timing without a fault, these two put up a performance that would have been almost impossible to beat.

SHOW CORRESPONDENT

Jean Slaughter

PLACE: Darien, Conn.
TIME: March 29.
JUDGES: Homer Gray, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Melville.
HORSEMANSHIP CH.: George Morris.
Res.: Glenna Lee Maduro.
HORSE OR PONY CH.: Game Cock, George Morris.
Res.: Dixie, Mrs. Keith Ward.

SUMMARIES

Limit horsemanship—1. Sally Parrott; 2. Sandy Glynn; 3. Pamela Drake; 4. Dickie Stevens; 5. Cynthia Stone; 6. Penrose Stovell.
Open horsemanship, children 14 to 18 years—1. Anne Hobbs; 2. George H. Morris; 3. Glenna Lee Maduro; 4. Pamela Drake; 5. Mary Litchfield; 6. Sandy Glynn.
Open horsemanship, 14 to 18 years—1. Glenna Lee Maduro; 2. George H. Morris; 3. Barbara Kellam; 4. Katharine Taft; 5. Sally Parrott; 6. Nancy Jane Imboden.
Working hunter hacks, over 15 1/2"—1. Game Cock, George H. Morris; 2. Celtic Warrior, Susan Lounsbury; 3. Whip Cord, Nancy B. Lounsbury; 4. Touraine, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony del Balso.
Open horsemanship, under 11—1. Michael

Fitzpatrick; 2. Joan Draper; 3. Diana Drake; 4. Pamela Phillips; 5. Gail Porter; 6. Wendy Wright.

Open horsemanship, under 14 years (over fences)—1. Ronnie Martini; 2. Catherine Page; 3. Kate Kimball; 4. Dickie Stevens; 5. Patsy Ann Smith; 6. Julie Kellam.

A.H.S.A. medal hunter seat—1. Glenna Lee Maduro; 2. Barbara Kellam; 3. Gail Fenbert; 4. George H. Morris; 5. Patsy Ann Smith; 6. Cynthia Stone.

Working hunters, over 15 1/2"—1. Game Cock; 2. Riverdale, Miss Gay Tate; 3. Touraine; 4. Teacher's Hope, Glenna Lee Maduro.

Open horsemanship—1. Ronnie Martini; 2. Nini de Jurenev; 3. Susan Lounsbury; 4. Linda Fitz Randolph; 5. Julie Kellam; 6. Kate Kimball.

A.S.P.C.A. horsemanship event—1. George H. Morris; 2. Barbara Kellam; 3. Anne Hobbs; 4. Sandy Glynn; 5. Gail Fenbert; 6. Sidney Baumann.

Bridle path hacks, 15.0 and under—1. Dixie, Mrs. Keith Ward; 2. Irish Dream, Wendy Wright; 3. Gypsy, Meredith Murphy; 4. Dandee, Sunny Pierson.

Bridle path hacks, 15.0 and over—1. Riverdale; 2. Game Cock; 3. Happy Talk, Mary Litchfield; 4. Derrygallon Lass, Emerson Burr.

Working hunters, 15.2 1/2 and under—1. Dixie; 2. Tip Toes, Ox Ridge Hunt Club; 3. Iduno, Elaine Tate; 4. Junior, Julie Kellam.

Advanced junior horsemanship—1. George H. Morris; 2. Glenna Lee Maduro; 3. Nancy Lounsbury; 4. Barbara Kellam; 5. Nini de Jurenev.

Pairs of working hunters—1. Teacher's Hope; Game Cock; 2. Sir Sortie, Diane Tate; Riverdale; 3. Junior, Spring Fever, Jackie Warner; 4. Royal Omen, Victor Hugo-Vidal; The Miss, Martha Bulkley.

Working hunter hacks, 15.2 1/2 and under—1. Happy Talk, Mary Litchfield; 2. Iduno; 3. Junior; 4. Serenader, J. C. Cremer.

Open jumpers—1. Touraine; 2. Dixie; 3. Royal Omen; 4. Alright, Hutchinson Stables.

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So not the church. The grass is more my kind!*

*I've marked the place. They call it Hunting Hill.
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Them push him, once he leaves the white-oak side.
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O God! To cheer! To hark them forrard in the lane!
You know I cannot leave it—not for good.
Not when my beauties wind him—no one could.*

*In spring there'll be the dogwood all about,
With spice bush gold and bloodroot, squirrel-cup, cranesbill. Then
The blow of that wild cherry budding out,
So wide, just by the bare earth of the vixen's den.
I've watched her cubs there often try to chase
Our rabbits of an evening, brace for brace.*

*There'll be the cool of trees in summer, too,
The friendly stir of rain in ash by Ridley Bend,
I used to rod for trout there. Many a do
Is good still, near the aspens and the Lower End,
Where poplar-cups lift candles in the sun.
I've always liked old trees—that oak's the one.*

*You'll find it easily—white-oak—near the top.
Fair open grass below. The lane must be cut back,
To make a decent hound-way. So just lop
The worst of it for me and trim the brushwood slack.
Not much. Leave there the white wood-asters—all.
They'll make me think of hunting—and the fall!*

*What more to ask? I'll rest there year by year,
Content enough—till corn is in and harvest through.
Then maybe—some way—fall by fall, I'll hear
Once more the music of those sweet notes on the dew!
God's will I wake a while and feel the thrill,
When hounds score true to cry on Hunting Hill.*

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Altogether, January was as poor a hunting month as we have had in many a season, and though conditions improved somewhat, there was still more than a breeze blowing on the 24th and 27th and the ground was very dry. We enjoyed fair runs both days but scent was poor and hounds had to work hard for little reward.

A very welcome snowstorm came on the eve of February 3rd, leaving the highway a slippery ribbon which delayed our arrival at the hunt—after counting 11 cars off the road on the first 20 miles of the trip we took to the dirt country road only to land in a snowdrift ourselves. By the time we reached kennels the hunt had left, but we soon caught up and had a good hour hacking before a coyote was viewed. The tallyho came in section 12 and just as hounds were put on the line, Huntsman George Beeman's stirrup iron broke, and great was his wrath and as the morning grew on, his discomfort. Throwing away the iron, he put his foot in the leather, blew hounds on, and away we flew. Both footing and scent were excellent in the snow and hounds flew across the cactus spotted fields, over the panel into the purebred pasture, and then out over another panel a mile beyond. We were heading for the Anticline but for once the coyote turned at the base and ran back towards section 12. Scent was not as strong riding north but the line was clear

in the snow and an irate huntsman had his whips hopping to keep the hounds to the line all the way back through the purebred, section 12 and into section 1 where we viewed our coyote making a turn near the road on the north boundary of the ranch. Although he was visibly tiring, the coyote made no effort to change his course when hounds cut across the field to him, but kept steadily south and after 55 minutes over some of our best country, he popped into the hole in Bennett's Gulch in the purebred pasture. We were more than glad to give him an honorable discharge, and hope to see the sporting fellow often in the future.

By the 7th the snow had changed to ice and mud and a run through the hole to the buffalo fence over some of our roughest country was as hazardous a ride as we have had. We turned east just short of the buffalo fence and hounds crossed Wildcat road to enter the East Ranch. Though still slippery the footing over this open country was much better, and with the scent excellent we flew on east for a few more miles before turning toward Wildcat mountain and ascending it from the south. Hounds were called in on top after 55 minutes without a check.

Scent was poor on the 10th, and on the 14th a snowstorm cut visibility and made riding a little damp, although it was pleasant enough during our run from the Tower to the Anticline and back to the Rocks. On the 17th, two coyotes viewed on the Anticline, ran over the crest and down the north side, then cut diagonally across the hills behind Headquarters. There they turned east, running through the small enclosure.

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Kingsland Harriers Finish Season With Forty Five Minute Hunt; Hounds Went Out Fifty One Times In 1951 and '52

Philip K. Crowe

When the Bard of Avon spoke so feelingly of "the winter of our discontent" he made it quite clear he was not a fox hunting man, and it is surprising that good Queen Bess, who was a keen rider to the Buck Hounds as well as master of a fine pack of pocket beagles, did not correct him on the matter. The passing of winter, and with it the end of the hunting season, must have been as nostalgic a time four hundred years ago as it is today.

Spring comes quickly to the lands along the tidal rivers of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the last meet of the season was held against a verdant and sprouting landscape. The rich pastures of Tred Avon Manor were green with new wheat and clover; out over the river flights of geese noisily announced their passage north; and deep in the recesses of Normandie woods foxes turned their thoughts to other things besides chickens.

No matter how good or bad one's hounds are, there is always a feeling of satisfaction in viewing them at a meet. The babbling puppies have yet to demonstrate their ignorance and the old hounds have not yet had to face the inevitable fact that their legs have grown slower than their noses. Like a doting parent, the master is prone to forget the vices and remember the virtues. Clustered around his horse, the pack is a bright picture of his fondest hopes.

Such in any case were my complacent thoughts when I took nine couple of my fifteen inch beagles, known locally as the Kingsland Harriers because we follow them mounted, to the final meet of the 1951-52 season on Saturday, March 29th, at the gates of Tred Avon Manor, near Easton, Maryland.

The field for us was a large one, and everyone had made a special effort to turn out themselves and their horses as smartly as possible. In addition to my whips, Mrs. Herbert Austin and my daughter Rene, it consisted of Charles Schuck, field master; Arthur Bryan, master of the Bennetts Point Fox Hounds; Mr. and Mrs. John Caskey, who formerly hunted with Ox Ridge of Darien, Conn. and their daughter Miss Mary Tison; Mrs. George Barner and her daughter Pamela; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox; Miss Christy Youst; and Miss Phillippa Crowe. There was also a group on foot and a number of cars.

Moving off from the Manor gates we drew the thirty acre field of Pecks Point that lies next to the Tred Avon River, where Milton Blades, the hunting farmer who had seen a hare the previous night. The

field, under the able direction of the field master, spread out in a line so that they covered far more of the area than I did with hounds. The hares we hunt, Jack Rabbits, are apt to sit very tight and I was not surprised when a Jack jumped up almost under the hooves of one of the horses, after I had drawn over the same place.

First leading us a fast chase along the edge of the river, where she took advantage of the sandy beaches, the hare then dived under a fence and tried to foul her scent by running through a large herd of cows. The ruse was successful for a time and ten precious minutes were gained by the hare before hounds unravelled the puzzle, and drove after her across the fields to the country road that bisects the peninsula where we hunt. The hare ran the road for about a mile and it was only due to the fine scenting abilities of Kingsland Durham, a gift from Morgan Wing, Master of the Sandanona of Millbrook, N. Y., that the pack was able to own the line. The hard surface plus the gasoline fumes of passing cars made the job one for a veritable Sherlock Holmes of the canine race. Finally headed by a car, she darted into Perkins Lane and hounds had a grand twenty minutes hunting in the woods, where their cry echoed and re-echoed under the pines.

As Nimrod said it's the pace that kills and by this time the horses were lathered and the day had grown hot. A motorist reported, moreover, that she had viewed the hare running slowly and stumbling at the fences. I did not want to kill so called hounds off.

The season in retrospect was a good one. Hounds went out fifty one times and had only four completely blank days. In addition to hare, red foxes and cottontail rabbits were also hunted. Deer have started to come into the county but so far have given us no trouble. Scent was uniformly good during October and November and fair to poor in December and January. March, with its prevailing wetness, gave us the best scenting. The longest run of the season was provided by a red fox in early October. Hounds put him to ground after two and a half hours of almost continuous running.

On the invitation of the Kingsland, numerous groups of local fox hunters brought hounds to hunt our country. One misty morning in January, a total of thirty-six couple ran a red fox for nearly five hours on the Point. My old hunter, Smokey, who used to go all day with Mr. Stuart without turning a hair, was so tired by the ordeal that I had to take him home and join the farmers in their truck.

Aside from Wilbur Hubbards Kent County Fox Hounds, the Kingsland is the only recognized pack to hunt the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the response since its introduction to the Shore in 1950 has been most heartening. With only one exception the land owners have cooperated to the fullest. Trapping of foxes has virtually ceased in the areas where hounds hunt and every effort has been made to preserve the

German Artist Paints Early Stag Hunting In Water Color Series

The cover picture this week was kindly loaned us through the courtesy of Mrs. Ursula Crowley and is one of a series of nine water colors painted in Germany between 1806 and 1809. The artist is S. M. Wuecherer about whom little seems to be known although this collection is exceedingly rare as pictures of this nature were almost entirely of English origin at this time.

The series which was discovered in a castle in Mecklenburg consist of 9 scenes depicting the stag hunt. The conception of the hounds range in variety from the appearance of alligators to that of Pekinese but they are amusingly done although not convincing proof of the artist's ability to paint hounds. The whole scene however, gives a fine example of early stag hunting in the German forests in the early 19th century. It shows the tense excitement, the thrill of the moment and most certainly gives one a feeling of the sport from a little known angle. We are very much indebted to Mrs. Crowley for bringing these pictures to our attention.

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New York Polo Club Halts Winged Foot Poloists, 12-11

Bill Briordy

Taking full advantage of a 6-goal handicap, the New York Polo Club rode into the final round of the Eastern 12-goal indoor championship tournament Saturday night, March 9, by halting the Winged Foot Polo Club, 12-11, in the feature match of the weekly double-header at the Squadron A Armory.

New York, kept to 1 actual goal in the second half, had to stave off a spurt by the Winged Foot poloists in the last two periods in order to win. The losers, getting 7 goals in the second half, were paced by Herb Pennell, who hit 9 goals from his No. 2 position.

Dave Ellis, Princeton captain, Walter Phillips and Fred Zeller swung mallets for New York. Bill Whitehead and Bob Johnson, former Yale captain from Peapack, N. J. rode with Pennell. The hard-hitting Johnson filled in for Billy Nicholls, 7 goal Winged Foot captain.

Billy suffered a back injury in practice at Squadron A two nights previous to the match and was forced to sit on the sidelines. Incidentally, Billy is now on his way to Honolulu, where he will see action in outdoor matches.

The opener of the March 29 twin-bill was a humdinger. George Haas' goal in 1:30 of the 3-minute overtime period enabled Al Parsells' Ramapo Polo Club to top the 16-goal Squadron A Regulars, 14-13. Haas counted on a deft pass from Parsells, 8-goal ace, who led the scorers in this match with 9 goals.

It was Haas who tied the score less than a minute before the regular game ended. A terrific nearside angled drive by Parsells knocked the count at 12-all in the fourth period. Then alter Nicholls put the Regulars ahead at 13-12 on a short

poke before Haas came through with the equalizer.

Paul Miller, ex-Princeton star, was a fine No. 1 for the Regulars, who led by 8-6 at half-time. However, the Regulars could not stop the determined second-half surge by Ramapo. Bill Rand, ex-Yale player, and Walter Nicholls, Billy's brother each hit 4 goals for the Regulars.

San Mateo Team Wins Will Rogers Memorial Tournament

Evelyn Hill

A victorious San Mateo team carried off the beautiful Will Rogers Memorial Trophy by defeating Pasadena 10 to 6 in the finals on March 30. They had previously defeated Bob Skene's Beverly Hills quartet 11 to 5 in the first round on March 23, and Pasadena took the second round by defeating Santa Monica 8 to 3.

San Mateo had a strong combination in John Stringer, Vic Graber, Dr. Billy Linfoot, and the veteran Hershel Crites. John Stringer, at No. 1 position, is an exceptionally well mounted player, with a string of fast Thoroughbred ponies, Vic Graber was a very useful man at No. 2, and Linfoot is one California's most brilliant players, while Crites, at back, is always a rugged and consistent player. San Mateo, without a doubt, dominated the tournament from start to finish.

San Mateo (11)

No. 1. Stringer	(2)
No. 2. Graber	(1)
No. 3. Linfoot	(5)
No. 4. Crites	(2)

Beverly Hills (5)

No. 1 Tagliabue	
No. 2 Blackwell	(3)
No. 3 Skene	(2)
No. 4 F. Fletcher	

San Mateo made 1 goal by pony Officials—Paul King and Tony Veen

Pasadena (8)

No. 1 King	
No. 2 R. Fletcher	(4)
No. 3 Beal	
No. 4 Turner	(2)

Santa Monica (3)*

No. 1 Howden	
No. 2 Huthsing	
No. 3 Veen	(1)
No. 4 Mather	(1)

*1 goal handicap
Officials—Bob Skene and Jim Stim-mel

San Mateo (10)

No. 1 Stringer	(2)
No. 2 Graber	(3)
No. 3 Linfoot	(4)
No. 4 Crites	(1)

Pasadena (6)

No. 1 King	(1)
No. 2 R. Fletcher	(5)
No. 3 Beal	
No. 4 Turner	

Officials—Jim Stimmel and Charles Wheeler.

San Bernardino Wins Round-Robin Affair At Palm Springs

Evelyn Hill

March 23 dawned bright and clear and the sun beamed down on Palm Springs in true California style, as San Bernardino captured a round-robin affair by scoring 13 points to Palm Springs 11 and Long Beach's 5.

M. L. Lightman, playing for Palm Springs, was high scoring man of the day with 8 goals. Lightman is a veteran of indoor polo, having played in Chicago and Detroit for many years. He is fast, aggressive, and quick-thinking. His teammates for Palm Springs were two local men, Frank Bogert and Lloyd Phillips, both of whom are playing their first season of indoor polo and turned in very creditable performances.

The victorious San Bernardino team was composed of Monte Mont-

Arapahoe Hunt

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es near the ranch houses and giving us several quick jumps. Hounds then took the line north and made a big loop around Headquarters coming around the west side and crossing over towards Bennett's Gulch where they were called in. 35 minutes.

Because of bad weather, hounds went out only twice in the next two weeks, and found little scent when they did meet. On March 6th with a big week day Field out, we had better luck, finding in section 12 and running south into the purebred pasture. Our coyote passed the hole in Bennett's gulch and turned west towards Headquarters to make a wide circle and gradually return to the place we found him. We then started on the second lap, this time turning west past the windmill and south into the Tower woods.

March 9th was the occasion of the Master's breakfast and brought out a very large Field. It was most gratifying to find near Rocky Hill and hounds streamed over the top with a breast high scent, only to descend on the same side a few minutes later and cross into the South Ranch. The speed with which all this happened left the unwieldy Field floundering all over the Anticline. There ensued a wild gallop with horsemen, dashing in every direction. Late arriving hilltoppers sat stunned in their cars as the horses mounted avalanche poured off the slope in a desperate attempt to catch hounds who were by now nearly in the Pollack. Fortunately hounds checked near the Rocks which allowed nearly everyone to catch up before they were away again running north into the Tower along the Pollack fence towards Headquarters and not turning until they were in section 15. Crossing Headquarters road we entered a big plowed field and though hounds worked well across it, Chapman in particular, scent had faded on the other side and they were soon called in. The Phipps' had their usual wonderful breakfast afterwards and finished the day in fitting style.

The following Thursday was cold and windy and George hunted through our roughest but most protected country, the deer infested South Ranch. Although we saw many a deer, there were no coyotes and after a disappointing afternoon we came in. However, there was lots of cheer at the grand party afterwards at the new home of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodburne and a snow that night gave promise of better scenting conditions ahead.

On the 18th hounds found soon after going into covert, and with a view not long after were off on the rough course to the buffalo fence. On the way several members of the Field turned up on foot; Earl Morris met us at the top of an ice packed hill, motioning hopelessly at his mount disappearing over the horizon; Pam McDonald next turned up with mud (fresh) all over her derby, and somewhere in the midst of the confusion young Mary Grant bought herself a piece of ice and snow encrusted land. Everyone arrived more or less in one piece at the buffalo fence where our quarry had to be abandoned and we turned to the East Ranch. Not long after two more coyotes were viewed and turning south under the fence, were soon out of sight over the hill. It was new country we travelled for a few minutes, and when the coyote came north again, he had hounds in close pursuit but nearly lost the Huntsman and Field who miscalculated his direction and rode west for a panel whereas the coyote swung east immediately upon crossing the fence. They had almost a mile to catch up and weren't with hounds until approaching Wildcat mountain. The stinking violets must have been showing their heads there, for scent faded on top and hounds were called in. Somewhere, somehow, Joe Holland came another cropper before we got back to Kennels.—H. C. N.

gomery, Shorty Funkhauser, and Tony Zanetti. All three play well together and are well suited to the indoor type of game.

Long Beach was composed of the father-son combination of Guy Campbell and Bill Campbell along with Harry Marrell. They fought hard but were no match for the stronger San Bernardino and Palm Springs teams.

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In the Country



DEEP RUN

Something new in the way of lead ponies was seen at the Deep Run Hunt Race Association at Richmond, Va. on April 5. This time the horse preceded the pony into the paddock, the young lady on the lead pony being unable to get her mount to enter the enclosure. Someone caught hold of the pony's bridle and the procession—lead pony being led, followed by the horse—ambled around the paddock. "Riders up" and then the horses went out on the course to the starting point. The lead pony had settled down to his job and went along with his job, even getting into the line of horses until for several moments there was some question as to whether he would also be a starter. Humphrey S. Finney had a spot with the placing judges and took his job seriously. From the stewards' stand came the remark, via Finney, "All you have to do is to get 5 horses". Allflor, the German-bred horse with four owners (Main Earth Stable), was entered for The Richmond Plate but his trip from Camden, S. C. didn't agree with him. He got down in the van and severely hurt his hock. He will be out for some time as he also clipped off quite a bit of his off hind hoof.

During the point-to-point in Virginia this spring, the Blue Ridge Hunt has almost had a monopoly on the winner's circle. Extending their activities to the hunt meetings, three horses were sent to Deep Run. More laurels—Sidney Culver's *High Road won on the flat; Richard Dole's Charade won on the flat and Henry Lewis, 3rd's Jordan placed in the timber event. Mrs. D. N. Lee of Middleburg, Va., who has been away from the steeplechasing ranks since her Speed Demon used to run over brush, took over as the trainer for *High Road and saw her first hunt meeting entry win.

WRONG WAY

Mrs. William J. Clothier's two-time winner of The Maryland Hunt Cup, Pine pep, has wintered well in Camden, S. C. under the training eye of W. B. Cocks. On the morning of the Carolina Cup, D. M. "Mike" Smithwick was on hand to school the 12-year-old chestnut gelding by Petee-Wrack—Red Queen, by Mad Hatter. Pine Pep, which jumps better when the fences are big, isn't schooled the "right" way of the course; with the jumps leaning toward him, the chestnut gelding went one turn of the schooling course at Camden at a slow gallop and then was sent right along by Mike for a second turn of the course. Needless to say, other activities at the schooling course lacked spectators until the pair had finished schooling over the timber course—both trips without an error.

PRIZE LIST CORRECTION

Exhibitors will have to take another look at Class 24, novice conformation green hunter, in the 1952 Bucks County Horse Show prize list. As it now reads, a novice green hunter which has won three blue ribbons can amble through the gate. However, the correct wording should be "horses that have not won three blue ribbons".

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POINT-TO-POINT SPIRIT

Anybody whose spirits were dampened by the rain and mud at the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point at Monkton, Md., on Saturday, April 5, could have gotten a lift by watching the proceedings in front of the blackboard which was used to post the entries. The people in charge went about their business just as though it couldn't have been a better day for a point-to-point. In fact a fellow had to look down at the mud and feel his raincoat to make sure that it wasn't the finest day ever for a race of this kind.

We couldn't think of a better incident which would typify the spirit of the day than one witnessed before the heavyweight race. The gentleman who was writing down the data on the blackboard had all the horses as owner-ridden, by the virtue of putting a ditto mark under the first horse on the board, on which the owner was up. It later developed that Mike Smithwick was to ride George Arrow-smith's Wardun, so the ditto marks after that entry were erased and Mike Smithwick's name entered, but the ditto marks below Mike's name were not erased. Just about that time a doughty old Freestater came by to look at the entries and came up with the following dead-panned clincher, "Well it looks like Mike Smithwick is going to have an interesting afternoon, he's riding three horses in this race."—Easy Mark

HORSE MOVIE BENEFIT

Enterprising horsemen charged with staging this year's horse shows are always on the lookout for ways to help the budget outside of entry fees and admissions. One of the most successful methods found recently is that of the benefit movie given at the local theatre showing some form of horse activity. This year The Pony Show Committee for the benefit of the Chester County Hospital held at Malvern, Pa. were very much on their toes and secured the movie of this year's Grand National. As the movie is being given on April 15th at the Wayne Theatre and as the Grand National has just been run, it is both timely and appealing and should bring in a substantial sum to help the show and hospital. Another similar performance was held in Middleburg recently through the efforts of Mrs. A. C. Randolph, and raised a sizable amount for the benefit of the panelling fund of the Piedmont Hunt through the use of various horse movies of interest to the horse minded of Middleburg which in this instance meant just about the entire town.

HENRY W. BULL RESIGNS

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Turf and Field Club held in New York, Henry W. Bull tendered his resignation as president which was accepted with sincere regret. He resigned due to failing health and his inability to devote to the club the time he felt necessary. He is one of the two oldest members of the club with Robert L. Gerry and has served as president for 26 years. J. Henry Alexandre, an officer for 30 years and vice-president for 26 years, was elected to succeed him. The officers, executive committee and the board of governors were re-elected at the meeting.

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GENESEE VALLEY STALLIONS

The Genesee Valley has acquired 3 new stallions. The most notable as far as track record is concerned is Anibras, by *Quatre Bras II—Tehani, by *Carlaris. As a young horse, Anibras won the Elwood Handicap, beating such horses as Supermont, Omission, The Chief, and others. He won the Hollis 'Cap at Belmont and was 3rd in the Futurity trials. He is a full brother to Eurasian, stakes winner of \$100,306. He is a big bay horse that has been leased to The Jockey Club for two years, by the O'Farrell Bros. of Westminster, Md. From a relatively small group of mares, he has sired such good winners as Ham Bone, Hackensack, Miss Van and others. Alton, a 7-year-old bay horse by Haltal out of Dorimar, by Man o'War, is another new addition to the Valley. Alton showed tremendous promise as a colt, but an early injury forced his retirement. His sire, Haltal, had 29 winners in 1951 which won \$170,511 in 1st monies. His dam Dorimar, winner of the Saratoga Cup, produced Lady Dorimar, which was a stakes winner. With this family of winners, Alton is very likely to have a bright future as a stallion. Plucky Boy, winner of \$28,055, is another new recruit to the Lookover Stallion Station ranks. Plucky Boy is by Plucky Day—Gallahad Maid, by *Sir Gallahad III. Plucky Boy is a black horse and is 11 years old. This will be his first season.—M. K.

YALE POLO PRESIDENT

James A. Hannah, Jr. of Hinsdale, Ill., a two-year varsity player, has been elected president of the Yale polo team for the 1953 indoor season. He succeeds Palmer Jackson of Santa Barbara, Calif. The new captain has played at Oak Brook and Delray, Fla. during vacations. He rode at No. 2 most of the current season for the Yale varsity, switching to that post from back where he had performed.—C. W. K.

BAR NONE

The C. L. Hubbles will be represented on the West Coast show circuit this summer by a new addition to their show string. They recently purchased the 17-hand American Saddlebred gelding, Bar None, from the Barbara Worth Stables. This open jumper has won a number of ribbons under the handling of Mrs. Barbara Worth Dodge and this year he will be shown by Miss Shirley Hubble.—B. N.

LAMENESS CURE

Lou Bailey, a resident of the Genesee Valley in New York, has a sure way to cure all kinds of lameness. He purchased a polo pony last fall and she proved to be a welcome addition to the Ashantee Polo Team. Several months ago she had a nasty fall and as a result was extremely lame for the weeks to follow. A series of treatments followed with absolutely no improvement. Discouraged and a bit disgusted, he notified the local mink meat dealer to pick up the horse. The truck arrived the next day and the driver went to the stable to get the mare. The day was cold so he jogged the mare right along—Lou was watching the whole procedure and the mare trotted as true and as straight as any colt! "Hey, whoa—looks like the mink aren't going to get this one for awhile." He took the shank and put

her back in the stable. The mare hasn't taken a lame step since her narrow escape from horse heaven.—M. K.

NO TIMBER HORSE

One of the timber racing's most enthusiastic backers, Lawrence E. Jones, ex-M. F. H. of Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club and now president of the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, is without a timber horse this season. His Village Gossip was hurt and a young horse, Creidne, is not quite ready to start over the Maryland timber courses. This 5-year-old bay gelding by Boise de Rose—Bahojan, by *Bah's Boy will no doubt put his owner back in the running next year.

Elkridge-Harford Races

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Clement; pulled up (after 23rd): Fife Symington's Palau, Mr. B. H. Griswold III; lost rider (2nd): E. S. Voss' Surprise, Mr. Douglas Small; lost rider (8th): J. Fisher, Jr.'s Lady's Ace, Mr. J. Fisher, III; fell (5th): Walter Brewster's Phalaris, J. Bosley, III; fell (9th): Mrs. H. Lomas' Rough Pastime, Mr. D. Brewster. Scratched: War Front.

LADIES' RACE, abt. 4 ml., over fair hunting country, catchweights. Winner: ch. g. (breeding unknown). No time taken.

1. Cassius, (Mrs. L. Neilson, Jr.),

Mrs. L. Neilson, Jr.,

2. Barrier, (George Arrowsmith),

Miss Anna Bockius.

3 started, 2 finished; lost rider (7th): Alva Robinson's Icy Fingers, Miss A. Robinson.

ELKRIDGE-HARFORD HOUNDS CUP, abt. 4 ml. over fair hunting country, heavyweight, 185 lbs. Winner: ch. g. (6), by Double Bachelor, dam and grandsire unknown. No time taken.

1. *Bachelor's Double, (D. Brewster),

Mr. D. Brewster.

2. Third Army, (H. Love),

Mr. H. Love.

3. Wardun, (George Arrowsmith),

M. Smithwick.

6 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): Maj. Gen. R. K. Mellon's *No Wings, Mr. G. Clement; J. Secor's Bomber, Mr. J. Secor; K. Milpaugh's Sardonic, Mr. K. Milpaugh. Scratched: Pantecon.

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